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Gunman kills 4 in Baghdad synagogue

Four people — two Jews and two Moslems — were killed on Sunday when a Palestinian entered a synagogue located in a Baghdad community center and sprayed it with bullets.

The Babylonian Jewish Heritage organization issued a statement last night, saying the Palestinian, who carries an Egyptian passport and lives in Iraq, burst into the synagogue as preparations were being made for Succot, and went on a shooting spree.

"Iraqi Jews in Israel and the world are shocked by the abominable and cowardly act carried out by a Palestinian in the Baghdad synagogue, during which two Jews and two Moslem community workers were killed as they were making holiday preparations," the group said in a statement.

"We place full responsibility for the act on the president of Iraq," the statement continued.

"It is time the Iraqi authorities allow the small number of Jews remaining in Iraq to leave to any country willing to accept them."

Less than 100 Jews are believed to be living in Iraq. (Iim)

Group urges overhaul of global financial system

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 22-nation group seeking to prevent future global currency crises has urged greater openness by all countries, tougher banking regulations, and consideration of making investors pay for their own mistakes.

The recommendations of the US-convened group, included in three separate reports, was to be reviewed at a conference attended by President Bill Clinton yesterday. The working group focused on reforms in the areas of banking regulation, greater openness in disclosure of economic data by countries, and ways to prevent future crises.

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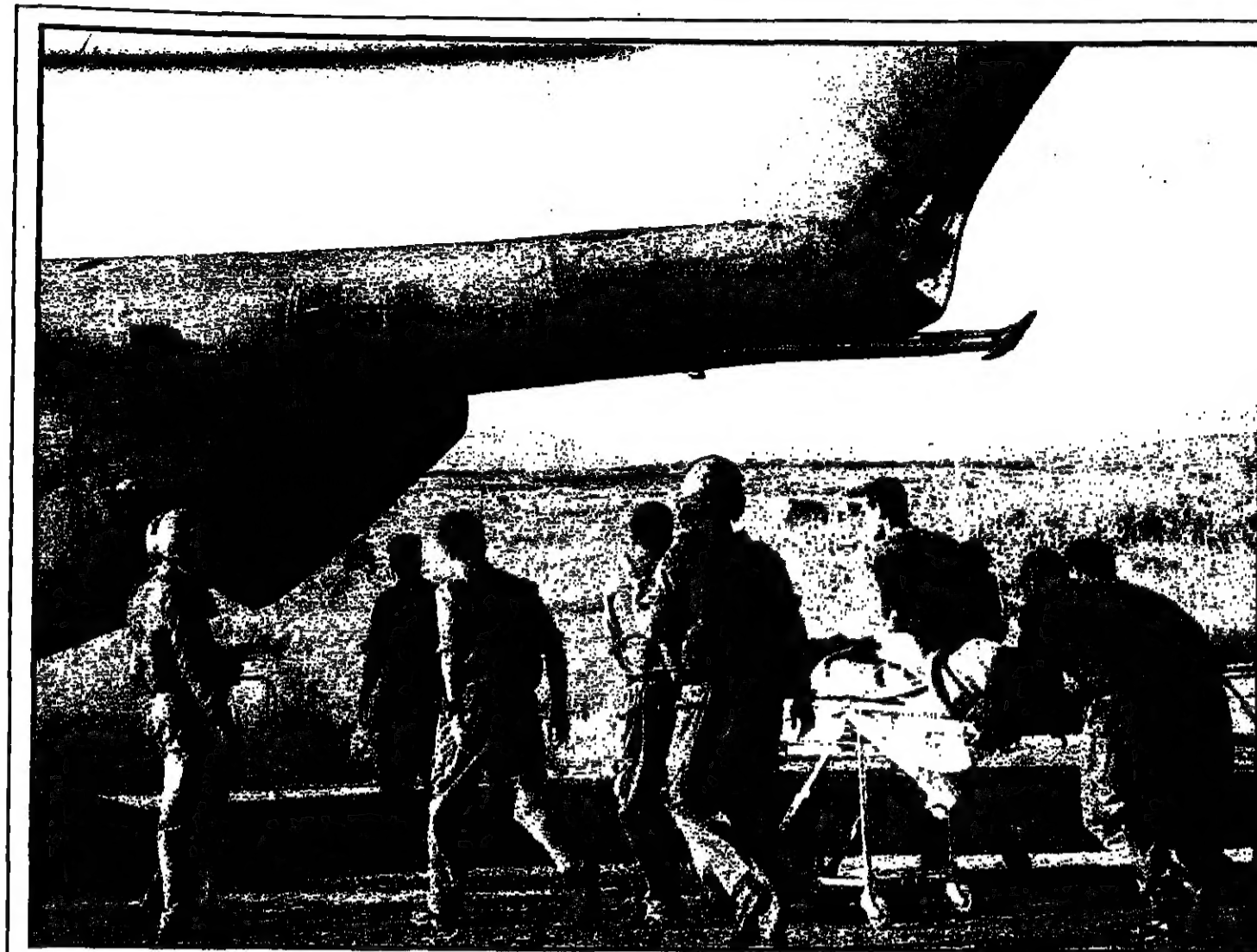
US panel mulls impeachment inquiry

By LARRY MARGASAK

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a blend of constitutional solemnity and partisan tension, the House Judiciary Committee met yesterday to consider whether to open an impeachment inquiry against US President Bill Clinton.

The Republicans' chief investigator laid out 15 alleged offenses by Clinton. Chairman Henry Hyde opened the hearing with a call for "an honest effort to do what is best for the country."

Democrats were quick to criticize the Republicans' plan for an open-ended inquiry into Clinton's



One of the soldiers wounded in yesterday's roadside bomb attack is taken to a helicopter for transfer to a hospital.

(By the Shapers/Israel Sun)

Two soldiers killed, six hurt in Lebanon blast

By DAVID RUDGE

Two IDF soldiers were killed and six others were wounded in a roadside bomb attack in the security zone yesterday afternoon.

One of the fatalities was identified as Sgt. Doron Zohar, 21, from Lahav. The name of the other soldier killed was not released last night.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred around 3 p.m. on the outskirts of the Druze village of Hatzbiyeh, in the eastern sector of the zone, which is considered a relatively safe area.

A string of explosive devices were detonated one after another as a convoy of four IDF vehicles — three lightly armored Storm (Sufa) jeeps and a bigger Abir jeep — were driving past.

OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi said the second and last vehicles in the convoy were hit by the explosives, which were apparently detonated by remote control.

Ashkenazi said that initial inquiries into the incident revealed that the troops had acted in accordance with regulations and that the vehicles had kept a safe distance from one another.

He said that the evacuation and treatment of the casualties was also conducted properly.

Asked whether the Hizbullah activists might have been helped by local residents, he said that nothing is certain at this stage.

A South Lebanese Army officer from among the Druze community recently defected to the Lebanese authorities, apparently because he is in love with a

woman living north of the zone.

Another SLA official, Abbas Hussein Raslan, joined Hizbullah in February and reportedly gave extensive details of IDF and SLA operations, including the names of Lebanese who worked as Israeli agents north of the zone.

The defection of Raslan, who claimed he had worked as a SLA intelligence officer for six years, was only announced by Hizbullah last week.

It is not known whether there might have been any connection between these defections and recent Hizbullah operations against IDF and SLA targets in the security zone. Nevertheless, it seems clear that Hizbullah had accurate information about the movement of the IDF convoy yesterday.

Ashkenazi said that attack had

been carefully planned and that the roadside bombs exploded one after another. He said the IDF is acquainted with the method of operation and the devices used.

Hizbullah is continuing to use roadside bombs to stage pinpoint attacks against IDF and SLA targets in the zone and in the SLA-controlled Jezzine enclave north of the zone. Most of the devices are discovered before they can do any harm, although the IDF has not yet found a comprehensive solution to the threat.

The wounded soldiers were brought to the IDF's front-line emergency ward near Kiryat Shmona. From there, three were evacuated to Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital and two to Rambam in Haifa. One was released.

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US hopes for 3-way meeting tomorrow

By DANNA HARMAN and news agencies

The Americans are hoping to cap off Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit here with a three-way meeting tomorrow with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, sources said yesterday.

Whether such a meeting is held will depend on the outcome of Albright's talks here, and would signify that progress had been made, the sources indicated. She was to arrive in Jerusalem in the early hours of the morning and is scheduled to meet with both Netanyahu and Arafat separately during the day. This is her first trip to the region in over a year.

Police are beefing up forces in the city for Albright's visit. The General Security Service received warnings that terrorist groups may try to kidnap high-level politicians. The IDF announced that the closure, imposed on Friday, would continue through the intermediate days of Succot.

Besides the meetings with Netanyahu and Arafat, Albright is scheduled to meet with Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and President Ezer Weizman. In addition, she is sure to get briefings from the joint committees on safe passage, the airport, and the industrial park at Karni — all of which resumed work on Sunday and are scheduled to meet again today.

Albright will stay in the region until tomorrow, leaving behind US special envoy Dennis Ross and Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk. The two men will continue shuttling between the sides throughout the week in preparation for the Washington summit, involving Clinton, Netanyahu, and Arafat, planned

for later this month.

State Department spokesman James Rubin said yesterday he does not expect Albright to "come away with all the issues resolved." Rather, he said, her aim is to "whittle away, clear some underbrush," in advance of the next round.

Speaking at the annual gathering of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem last night, Netanyahu said only that "time would tell" if an agreement will be reached in the upcoming meetings.

"In many ways it is up to the other side to make that decision," said Netanyahu to a roar of applause. "If they honor their part, there will be agreement, if they do not, we will not make unilateral concessions."

He reiterated earlier this week that while he is not willing to take any security risks for the sake of a deal, he is willing to take the political risks inherent in a redeployment.

Despite threats by hardliners to topple the government should a West Bank withdrawal of 13 percent be agreed upon, Netanyahu has voiced confidence that the agreement, if clinched, will pass both the cabinet and the Knesset.

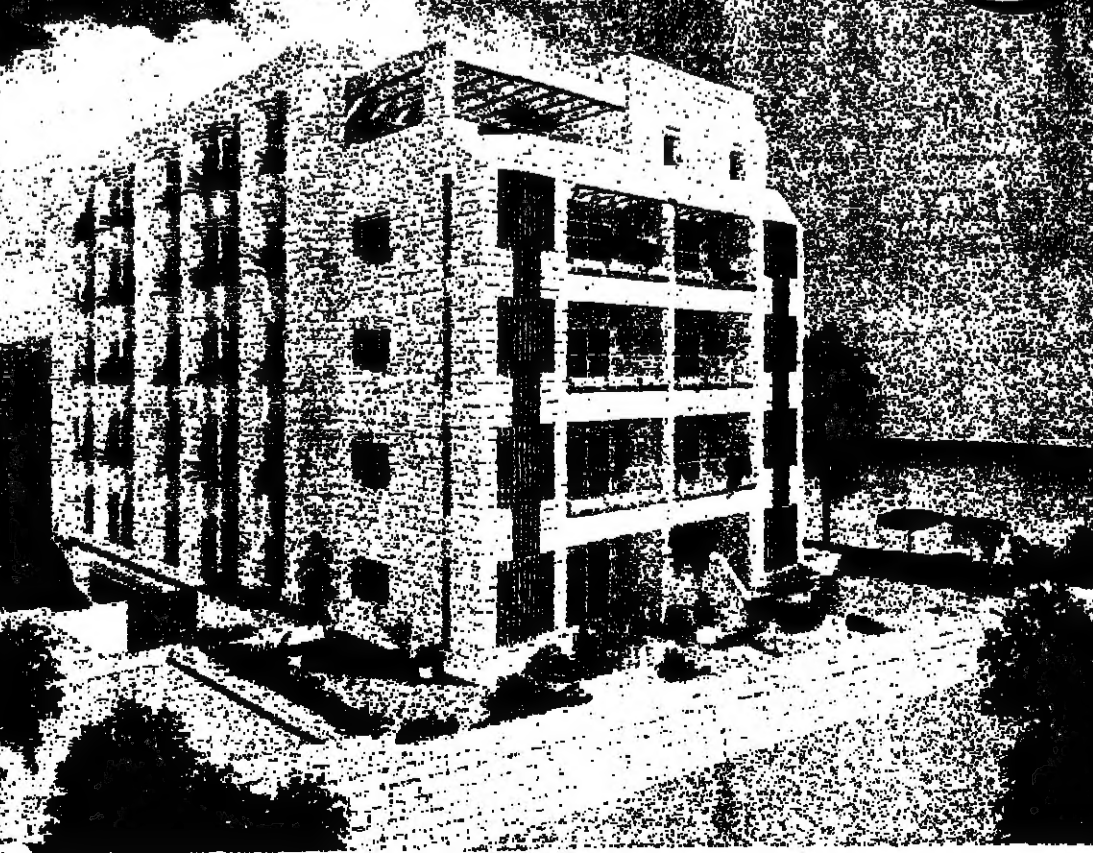
MK Michael Kleiner, head of the Land of Israel Front, said in response that while Netanyahu's moves may not be a "political risk," they are certainly a "political gamble," and would lead his party to support a no-confidence motion or push for the dissolution of Knesset and the calling of early elections.

Netanyahu also said yesterday he had called US House Speaker Newt Gingrich over the weekend to update him on the trilateral meeting in Washington last week.

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Policeman run down by speeding driver

Traffic policeman St-Sgt. Ariel Mori, 28, was run over and killed early yesterday morning by a speeding driver whom he had been signalling to stop at the side of the road. The incident occurred at about 1:30 a.m. on the Coastal Highway, just north of the Netanya junction, when a car was clocked going 126

kph in a 90-kph zone. Mori stepped into the road's right lane to flag down the car, which was traveling in the left lane.

Witnesses said the car veered right apparently to deliberately run Mori down; he died on the spot.

The car sped away from the scene. Later, police tracked down a suspect, a 25-year-old Or Akiva man, who reportedly admitted to hitting Mori.

Traffic Police head Cmdr. Ya'acov Ganot said that dealing with the behavior of drivers "has turned into an actual war." (Iim)



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NEWS

in brief

Woman stabbed to death

Miriam Zifani, 44, of Rishon LeZion, died yesterday at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tel Aviv, after her estranged husband on Sunday allegedly stabbed her several times and then threw her out of his car.

The two, who were in the process of getting divorced, had been arguing about money, police said. Avraham Zifani, 46, of Tel Aviv, was arrested immediately after the attack.

Police said Zifani had been arrested in August after he had threatened several times to attack his wife. He was indicted by the Rehovot Magistrate's Court and had been ordered to stay away from his wife until the end of legal proceedings against him. The couple had two children, 14 and 17.

Zifani was due to be brought late last night before the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for a remand hearing. *Itim*

Israel bikers detained in Egypt

Three Israelis were detained in Egypt over the holiday weekend after an Egyptian police officer incorrectly stamped their passports at the Tabu crossing.

The three residents of Eilat went on a motorbike trip across Sinai and were stopped by Egyptian police at the entrance to Sharm el-Sheikh. When the police saw that the Israelis' passports had not been stamped to allow them to travel all over Egypt, they detained them for more than 12 hours without food at the local police station.

The three were released only after many telephone calls between Israel and Egypt. They were questioned for another two hours on the Egyptian side of the border before crossing back into Eilat. *Itim*

Boy killed in hit-and-run accident

A five-year-old boy was killed Sunday in a hit-and-run accident in Kiryat Yam.

Alexander Shmichev was crossing Rehov Jabotinsky at a point that had no crosswalk when the car hit him.

The Haifa District police spokesman said last night that police still did not have enough information to locate the driver. *Itim*

Pollard's wife asks Clinton for clemency

Esther Zeitz-Pollard, the wife of convicted Israeli agent Jonathan Pollard, has written to US President Bill Clinton, asking that he grant her husband clemency.

"At this time you yourself are seeking the forgiveness of God and of the American people," she wrote. "Jewish tradition has it that he who wishes to receive forgiveness must show himself worthy of such grace by extending it to others... My husband has expressed remorse for his actions on many occasions. He knows he was mistaken in acting above the law. He has paid a very heavy price for his mistake, 13 years in prison under harsh and difficult conditions. I am therefore writing to ask you, in the name of the God of Israel, to extend clemency to my husband Jonathan Pollard, by commuting his sentence to time served, effective immediately." *Batsheva Tsur*

Jerusalem yeshiva firebombed

Two firebombs exploded at the Beit Orot Yeshiva on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem on Sunday night, damaging the wall of the building. Two additional firebombs had been discovered on the yeshiva grounds a few hours before, said executive director Haim Silverstein.

No one was hurt because most of the 100 students are away for Succot, he said. *Ami Klein*

Cabbie, woman injured in West Bank stonings

An Israeli taxi-driver sustained light injuries last night when his vehicle was stoned as he drove through Samaria, 7 km north-east of Rosh Ha'ayin. He was admitted to hospital.

Earlier yesterday, a woman was also lightly hurt when her car was stoned near Mevo Horon. She too required treatment in hospital. *Itim*

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The proposals are likely to provide the basis for a variety of reforms being considered by the 182-nation International Monetary Fund, which is holding its annual meetings this week in Washington.

"These will be discussed by the IMF. They have all the tools for carrying forward this process," said Italian Deputy Finance Minister Mario Draghi, co-chairman of the study group on financial sector reform.

The lengthy reports, which were formulated over the past four months, were part of a blur of activity this week centered around the IMF meetings, as the US and other major powers sought to exert leadership in an effort to calm jittery financial markets.

That effort, however, was meeting with mixed success. Asian stock markets closed lower on

fears that disagreements that surfaced over the weekend showed industrial countries are not moving as aggressively as necessary to jump-start the world economy. And on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 58 points.

The policy-making body of the IMF said Sunday night that the global economic outlook has "worsened considerably," but its discussions gave no clear sign that members had resolved disagreements over how to halt the crisis.

Referring to recessions in Japan and many other Asian nations, the leveling of the Russian economy, and stock market turmoil, the IMF panel said: "The outlook for the world economy has worsened considerably since the committee's April meeting. Recent problems have been aggravated by a general weakening of market confidence, reflecting the greater prevalence and intensity of contagion in an increasingly globalized economy."

The New York Times

Due to technical problems, the last page of *The New York Times* Weekly Review, including the crossword puzzle, does not appear today.

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Mubarak denies impeding peace

Egyptian president welcomes reports that Sharon could be FM

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and news agencies

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak lashed out at Israeli leaders yesterday for accusing Egypt of trying to impede the peace process and vowed that Cairo would help peace to be achieved.

In an unusual attack, Mubarak — without naming names — described Egypt's detractors as "telling lies and nursing delusion."

"By these lies and illusions you deceive nobody but yourselves," Mubarak said in a speech broadcast nationwide to mark the 25th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.

"Those who try to distort facts and divert the attention from their intransigence by accusing Egypt will fail, and their schemes are doomed because they are built on fraud and cheating," Mubarak said.

However, in an interview with Channel 2 broadcast last night, Mubarak directly accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of holding up the peace process with the Palestinians.

Mubarak said that since Netanyahu was elected prime minister, there has been no progress in the process, adding that he doubts Netanyahu's willingness to carry out a further pullback of 13% from the West Bank.

"Since he [Netanyahu] came, till now, nothing has been implemented. The peace process has stopped," Mubarak said.

Last month, Netanyahu dispatched cabinet secretary Dan Naveh to Egypt amid Israeli reports that Netanyahu felt Mubarak was urging Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat not to make too many concessions in negotiations.

In his Channel 2 interview, Mubarak warned of an outbreak of violence if Israel does not hand over more land to the Palestinians.

"If it doesn't happen, they [Palestinians] will continue to assassinate and kill — I don't want



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Cairo yesterday, 25 years after the Yom Kippur War. (AP)

to say more lest I incite them — forever and ever," Mubarak said.

Mubarak expressed anger at Netanyahu for once referring to Egypt as "the enemy of the South" and saying that Egypt had learned a lesson from its failure in the Yom Kippur War.

"We will teach Netanyahu a lesson, and not he us," Mubarak said.

Asked if the Yom Kippur War would be the last war, Mubarak said that Egypt is not seeking war but is forced to strengthen its army because of Israel's capability.

"You [Israel] have nuclear and biological capability... so who

should worry?" he asked, claiming that the reports of Egypt's growing military capability are also propaganda waged by Israel against Egypt. "We do not think about war ever."

Mubarak welcomed Israeli reports that National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon might be appointed foreign minister.

Mubarak said Sharon, like the later prime minister Menachem Begin who made peace with Egypt, was firm and strong, and maybe progress could be made if he were foreign minister.

Mubarak said the atmosphere

surrounding the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's declaration of peace and the ensuing peace treaty signed with Israel were totally different to that of today.

"You cannot compare the current government to that led by Menachem Begin," he added.

Mubarak pointed out that Egypt was the first Arab state to initiate peace talks with Israel and vowed that Egypt will help lead the peace process to success.

"Those who are nursing delusion and speak stubbornly will sooner or later realize that as the peace

process started with an Egyptian initiative, it will succeed, God willing, with Egyptian efforts," he said.

Mubarak repeated his calls to Israel to give up war-won Arab land for peace.

"I repeat my advice to the Israeli people to courageously choose between achieving peace, security and stability or the annexation of the Palestinian lands, which the Israelis have no right to unjustly usurp," he said.

Mubarak also expressed confidence that the peace talks will end with the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Report: IAF planes equipped to carry unconventional weapons

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON — Israel Air Force jets are equipped to carry chemical and biological weapons that are manufactured at the Institute for Biological Research at Ness Ziona, according to military sources quoted by the *Sunday Times* this week.

The sources are also quoted as asserting that F-16 crews have been trained to equip their aircraft with chemical or biological weapons within minutes of receiving the order to attack.

"There is hardly a single known or unknown form of chemical or biological weapons... which is not manufactured at the institute," a

biologist, who once held a senior post in Israeli intelligence, told the paper.

The report alleged that the Ness Ziona facility not only made chemical and biological weapons for use in bombs, "but more unusual arms as well."

It claimed that the institute had supplied the poison agent that was used in the bungled assassination attempt on Hamas official Khaled Masha'al in Amman last year.

Israel, added the paper's Israeli correspondent, Uzi Mahanaimi, has accused Egypt, Libya, Syria and Iran of developing chemical and biological weapons but has never acknowledged its own program to develop such weapons.

The IDF spokesman declined to comment on the *Sunday Times* report.

Meanwhile, the Dutch government has ordered a full-scale public inquiry into the El Al 747 cargo plane that plowed into high-rise apartment buildings in the Bijlmermeer district of Amsterdam in 1992, killing the four-person Israeli crew and 39 Dutch citizens.

The decision came in response to a storm of protests that erupted in The Netherlands following revelations last week that the plane had been carrying 190 liters of DMPT — dimethyl methylphosphonate — which was destined for the Ness Ziona facility.

INQUIRY

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Schippers said there is evidence that Clinton gave false testimony both in his deposition for the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit and before a federal grand jury.

In his report, Democratic counsel Abbe Lowell contended that his Republican counterpart and Starr only compiled "a laundry list" of possible offenses. Impeachment, he said, takes "a far higher threshold."

He said Schippers did no more than delete two of Starr's allegations and add four others by "subdividing the charges."

"It's not the number of counts that matters, but the underlying conduct," Lowell said.

The Republican's top investigator said that the lurid sexual details

of the president's relationship with Lewinsky in Starr's report were "at best, merely peripheral to the central issues" in the case.

"The president and Ms. Lewinsky had developed a 'cover story' to conceal their activities," Schippers said.

Schippers listed several instances in which he said Clinton testified falsely, including his denial of a sexual relationship in the Jones deposition; his admissions in grand jury testimony of only "inappropriate intimate contact"; and his statement in the Jones case that he could not recall being alone with Lewinsky.

Schippers said it is wrong for a party to a lawsuit to lie under oath. And he said the president is "by virtue of his office, held to a higher standard than any other American."

As the panel began its opening

statements, Hyde said, "This will be an emotional process, a strenuous process, because feelings are high on all sides of this question."

With the Republican majority on the panel supporting a resolution to move ahead with the inquiry, there appeared little chance the Democrats could shape the outcome.

Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the committee's ranking Democrat, said America's founding fathers "might shake their heads" at the process as it has unfolded.

"This is not Watergate. It is an extramarital affair," Conyers said. At the White House, press secretary Joe Lockhart said nothing Clinton had done is an impeachable offense and called for "a process that's fair, nonpartisan, focused, and proceeds in a prompt manner."

John Herbst.

Erekat said the two sides discussed several issues, including the release of Palestinian prisoners, passage between Gaza and the West Bank, the industrial zones, Gaza airport, and economic issues.

"These issues just need a decision by Netanyahu and we hope we will get this from the Israelis," Erekat said.

Regarding Israeli demands from the PA on combating terrorism, Erekat said Netanyahu must accept the principle of mutuality. He accused the Netanyahu government of demonstrating a lenient attitude toward those he termed Israeli terrorists, including Israelis accused of killing Palestinians.

Arafat met in Ramallah on Sunday night with the Fatah central committee and discussed the results of his talks in Washington last week. They also discussed PA sources said, preparations for the declaration of a Palestinian state in May.

Liat Collins contributed to this report.

Analyst: Stormy foreign currency trading ahead

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Local trading of the shekel against the dollar is expected to be very volatile in the coming days, analysts said yesterday in the wake of a 1.5 percent devaluation of the shekel against the dollar on Friday.

The Bank of Israel fixed the representative rate at NIS 3.931 to the dollar.

Dealers predicted that trade volume would be relatively high today despite the fact that turnover is usually lower during holidays.

"It's very difficult to predict where the shekel is going," said Prachi Bar-Shavit, chief economist at Bank Hapoalim. "The mar-

ket will definitely remain volatile."

Bar-Shavit criticized a statement by the central bank that it will not intervene in shekel trade.

"I think it's legitimate to intervene in trading if shekel appreciates further," he said.

Meanwhile, traders said that Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is expected to open lower today following the decline of world markets over the weekend and Succot holiday.

They added that the market may be influenced by the fact that many investors and traders are on holiday, which would contribute to volatility.

Trading will end at 13:30 during the intermediate days of Succot.

PA tennis player quits tourney over flag dispute

By HEATHER CHAIT

A controversy over a flag prevented the first participation by a Palestinian tennis player in an Israeli-organized tournament over the weekend.

Following an article in *The Jerusalem Post* in August, Raja Murad, 25, was invited to compete in the \$50,000 ATP Yitzhak Rabin Men's Challenger tournament, which began yesterday in Ramat Hasharon.

Murad, having no ATP ranking, was to try his luck in the qualifying rounds on Saturday and Sunday.

The situation turned sour when Murad arrived at the Israel Tennis Center, accompanied by Issa Rishmawi, president of the Palestinian Tennis Association, who insisted that the Palestinian flag be hoisted alongside the Israeli flag and those of the countries of the visiting players.

Officials at the center contacted the Foreign Ministry, which refused to grant permission for the flag to be flown.

"I then decided that Raja would not play," said Rishmawi. "I saw the flags of the other countries and when they refused to raise our flag, I decided not to compete. If we are not dealt with like all other countries, we will not play."

Commenting on the political

repercussions of the incident, Rishmawi said, "This was a first for official contact between Israeli and Palestinian tennis and we believed that our flag would be flown. Now it's turned into a political issue. We believe in peace and this was a step in the right direction, but we must be treated as equals."

Rishmawi confirmed that he had the full backing of Dr. Jassir Muhesin, deputy minister of sports in the Palestinian Authority, with whom he had conferred.

Tournament director Howard Jaffe said he regretted the incident.

"We all wanted Raja to play and we invited him in an atmosphere of hospitality, but officials at the Israel Tennis Center felt that the Foreign Ministry's permission was necessary. The ministry's response was that under no conditions could the flag be flown."

Jaffe added that he had then suggested as "the fairest solution" that all the flags, apart from Israel's, be lowered in a gesture of appeasement, but this offer had been rejected by PA officials.

As for the future, Jaffe is optimistic.

"I hope that this incident will have no adverse effect on our cooperation with the Palestinians. I still intend to be involved in their project to build a tennis center. They have my full support."

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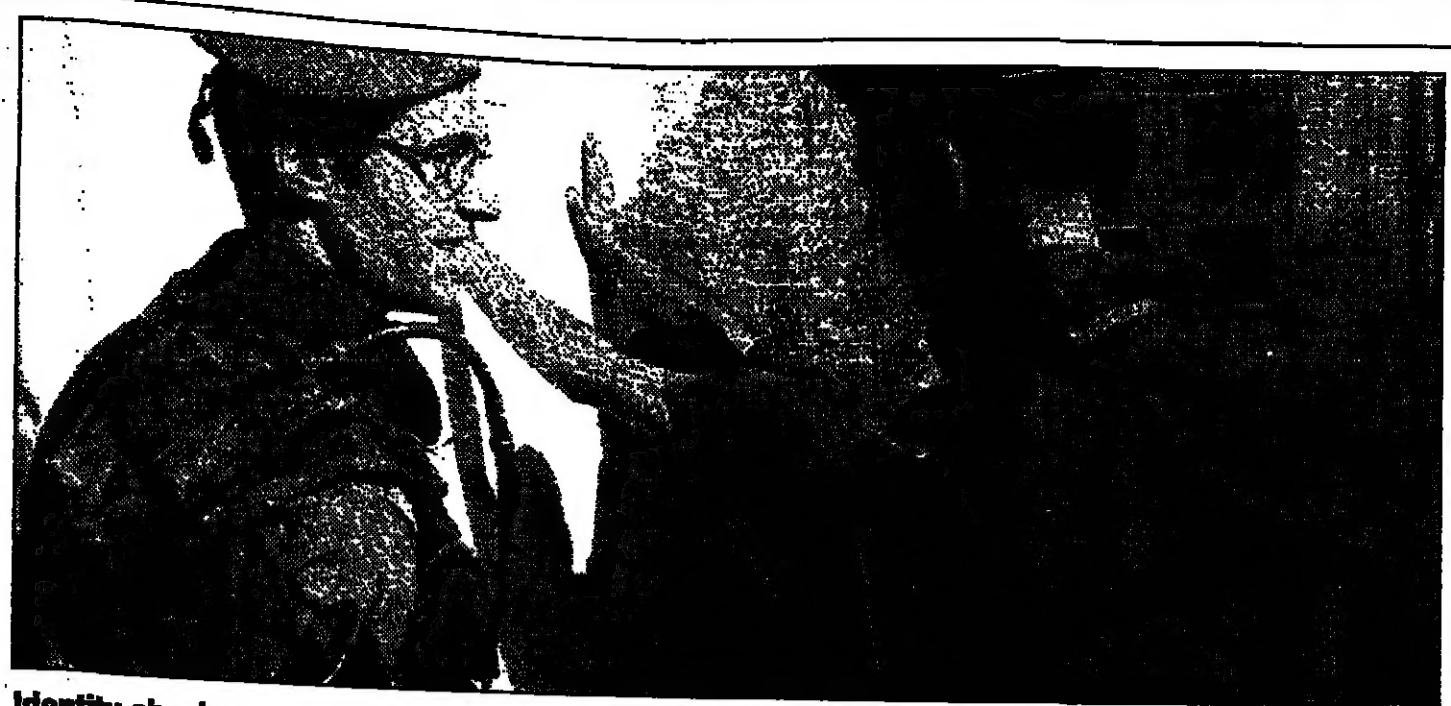
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Identity check

Soldiers in Hebron check the identity papers of a Palestinian caught on the street yesterday during the curfew imposed on the city following last week's grenade attack. Meanwhile, the IDF announced yesterday that the general closure imposed on the territories would last throughout the Succot holiday.

(Reuters)

Palestinians blame Israel for prisoner's death

A Palestinian official on Monday blamed Israel for the death of Ahmed Asfour, 23, who had spent 10 months in jail for illegally entering the country.

The Palestinian Center for Human Rights said Asfour died in an Israeli hospital on Sunday. The group demanded an investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death, saying it doubted the Israeli version.

A spokeswoman for Israel's Prisons Authority said Asfour died from wounds sustained when he tried to hang himself in his cell.

Asfour had arrived in Gaza from Yemen earlier this year to visit his family. After entering Israel without a permit, he was

jailed in Beersheba for six months at first, and then for a further four months, said Hisham Abdel-Razek, Palestinian minister of state for prisoner affairs.

The Prisons Authority spokeswoman, Orit Messer-Harel, said Israel kept Asfour, who she said was a citizen of Yemen, in detention while it looked for a country to take him.

"To deport him to Yemen was impossible, because we feared for his life because returning prisoners to countries with which we do not have relations, in particular Arab countries, can put their lives in danger," she said.

Abdel-Razek said Israel should have handed Asfour to the

Palestinian Authority. "The Israeli authorities kept him in jail for an extra four months and refused to hand him over to us after he had finished his term... therefore Israel is obviously responsible, no matter how he died," he said.

Five hundred protesters, waving flags and photographs of Palestinian detainees in Israeli jails, marched through Gaza yesterday, demanding Israel release the prisoners.

Abdel-Razek said Israel still held about 3,400 Palestinians.

He said the release of prisoners would be discussed along with other outstanding issues from the interim peace accords in a meeting between Palestinian and Israeli officials and US envoy Dennis Ross today.

(Reuters)

Turkey ready to act against Syria

US, Arab leaders seek diplomatic solution

By SELCAN HACAOGLU

ANKARA (AP) — Turkey's and Syria's neighbors sought yesterday to mediate a crisis that they feared could engulf the Middle East in war, while Turkey said its armed forces were ready to act against Syria should diplomacy fail.

Turkey accuses Syria of sheltering Kurdish rebels, allowing them to keep battling Turkey from cross-border bases after largely being neutralized on their home turf.

"We are a country that loves peace," said Gen. Ilhan Kilic, chief of the air force. "But we do not let our national interests get harmed." President Suleyman Demirel echoed the peaceful part of the general's message. "We want no war," he said.

In Washington, the US State Department called on Turkey and Syria on Monday to reach a peaceful settlement.

Spokesman James Foley said the United States has been talking to both governments about the issue and fully supports the mediation effort of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Demirel and Mubarak are to hold talks today in Ankara to seek a solution to the crisis.

Mubarak talked with his Syrian

counterpart, Hafez Assad, in Damascus on Sunday.

Turkey has rarely used such harsh rhetoric against Damascus. Turkey's tough stance against Syria appears part of a push to end a 14-year-old Kurdish insurgency that has killed 37,000 people.

The Turkish army has been relatively successful in fighting the autonomy-seeking rebels in south-eastern Turkey, forcing them into neighboring Iraq. It has also carried out frequent incursions into northern Iraq.

It has not been able to eradicate the rebels, however.

According to Murat Karayalcin, head of the Parliament's foreign relations commission, the source of the problem lies in Syria.

"It is extremely difficult to reach success against terrorism as long as it is nourished by a neighboring country," Karayalcin said, referring to Syria.

Cengiz Candar, a commentator for Turkey's *Sabah* daily, said any military move by Turkey would trigger a chain-reaction in the Arab world because of Turkey's close relationship with Israel.

"All Arab countries will mobilize along with Syria," Candar wrote yesterday.

Iran and Jordan have also offered

to mediate in the crisis.

Although Turkish newspapers reported increased military activity along the border, there was no footage of such a reinforcement on news broadcasts, which were limited to interviews with Turkish truckers at the Syrian border. They reported minimal military activity on the Syrian side.

Seyfi Tashan, head of the Ankara-based Foreign Diplomacy Institute, noted Turkey's get-tough decision coincided with the recent US air strikes against suspected terrorism camps.

"The US attacks on suspected terrorist targets in Sudan and Afghanistan have become an example for Turkey," Tashan said.

A military officer said Turkey has the capability to stage pinpoint air raids in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley of Lebanon, where it reports rebel camps.

Lebanon denied that it is harboring the rebels and President Elias Hrawi traveled to Damascus on Monday in a show of support for Syria.

The officer claimed that Syria was giving both financial and military support to the rebels, but said it refused to allow them to set up bases on its territory.

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Dr. Calin Shapira, deputy director of the Safed hospital, said one of the soldiers had been very lightly hurt and would be released soon. The two others were suffering from shrapnel wounds, mainly in their arms and legs, although one of them also had splinters of glass in his eye.

Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai, deputy director of Rambam, said the two wounded soldiers in his hospital had both suffered limb wounds caused by shrapnel. One had suffered moderate wounds and the other was lightly wounded.

Fighting was also reported in other parts of the zone yesterday, with long-range mortar attacks on IDF and SLA positions in the eastern and western sectors. There were no reports of any casualties. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Reports from Lebanon said that a Lebanese Army soldier was wounded in the southern Bekaa Valley as a result of SLA return fire and that power lines

were damaged.

Meanwhile, speculation is growing in Lebanon over the possibility of a SLA withdrawal from the Jezzine enclave. The speculation was fuelled by comments during a visit to the town-ship on Saturday by SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad.

Lahad was quoted in Lebanese newspapers as saying that he would not impose any conditions for withdrawing his troops from Jezzine and that an arrangement could be worked out similar to that which led to the handing over earlier this year of the Kafr Falus crossing point in the Jezzine area, which had been closed for 12 years.

Lahad noted, however, that he would welcome the mediation of the US and French.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Farez Bouez said that if the SLA really intends to pullout of Jezzine, it can do so immediately, with no need for international mediation.

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Compromise averts parks strike

By LIAT COLLINS

A compromise deal reached Sunday has averted the strike by Nature Protection and National Parks Authority workers.

NPNPA director-general Aharon Vardi filed an appeal to the labor court which had previously rejected his request for a restraining order to keep the sites open. It was eventually agreed that the NPNPA workers would operate the sites over Succot, but the income from entrance fees would be earmarked for a special fund to be used, as part of an overall solution to their demands.

In addition, MK Micha Goldman (Labor), chairman of the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee, promised the union leaders that the committee would further negotiations with the Finance Ministry.

The NPNPA workers have several demands stemming from the change in conditions following the March merger between the Nature Reserves Authority and the National Parks Authority. There are a large number of organized activities during Succot vacation.

In the North: At Ein Efeik reserve near Kiryat Bialik a "happening" entitled "The Swamp, the Frog, the Prince, and the Princess" today to Thursday; street theater with

characters from the past at Tzipori, today to Thursday; games and entertainment at Beit She'an National Park and the Beit She'arim National Park; activities relating to vultures at the Gamla Nature Reserve; special guided tours at Hatzor National Park; the Sixth International Renaissance Festival at Yehiam National Park; dressing up for children at Kochav Hayarden; cheese and wine at the Korasi National Park; various activities in the Carmel Park, caves, and Hai Bar nature reserve; twilight nature tours at Nimrod's Castle; and first anniversary celebrations of the Mutzkei Haon Nature Reserve near Kibbutz Kfar Haruv on the Golan.

In the Center: Special activities at Caesarea, Beir Guvrin, Herodian, Ein Hemed, and Sabastia-Samaria national parks.

In the South: A health and nature festival at Park Eshkol, tomorrow and Thursday; free guided tours of Masada (although there is an entrance fee); special tours of the Yotvata Hai-Bar nature reserve; special tours and activities at Aydat National Park and Tel Arad; tours of the Kurnan caves and newly opened information center; and special activities at the recently opened Ein Gedi National Park including the ancient synagogue and Jewish settlement.



Roni Yedwab sits with a family of Madagascan lemurs on Sunday at a new exhibit at Jerusalem's Tisch Family Biblical Zoo, in which there is no partition between the animals and the visitors. People are discouraged from feeding the lemurs but may touch them. The zoo boasts several of these nearly extinct animals, which are related to monkeys, and is participating in an international effort to save them. (Brian Hender)

Kinneret expected to begin winter at 9-year low

By DAVID RUDGE

By the time winter starts, Lake Kinneret is expected to be at one of the lowest marks in the past 60 years.

Mekorot officials noted that the level on Sunday was only 89 cm. above the red line of 213 m. below sea level. This is the mark below which the level cannot drop, lest irreparable damage be caused to the lake's ecosystem and the quality of the water.

Mekorot experts expect the water level to drop to 60 cm. above the red line by November.

"The level of the Kinneret has only dropped to this worrying level on three occasions in the past 60 years - the last time being in 1989, after a series of winter droughts," said Mekorot spokeswoman Merav Azulai.

According to experts, there is no danger of the level reaching the red line before the onset of the winter rains. Problems would occur, however, in the event of a serious shortfall in precipitation. The experts said that there

would still be sufficient water in the Yarkon Tanninim underground reservoir and the coastal aquifer to meet the water needs of domestic consumers. Water quotas to farmers, however, would have to be cut because the capacity of the underground reservoir is limited.

Mekorot, which supplies 65 percent of the country's water needs, issued statistics for June, July, and August, which show that there had been a big increase in demand compared to the same period last year.

The water company supplied 540 million cubic meters of water during the three-month period, compared to 520 million cu.m. during the same period last year.

The biggest increase in demand was for domestic use, especially in August - 20.4% higher than in August 1997.

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Heartthrob Julio returns for two concerts

By HELEN KAYE

Nobody, not even Michael Jackson, has sold more records world-wide than Julio Iglesias, who has sold some 220 million — so far.

He'll probably sell a few more, including the soon-to-be-released CD *My Life — the Greatest Hits* after he gives his two concerts here next week: on October 13 at the Caesarea Roman Amphitheater and at the Yad Eliahu Sports Stadium the following evening.

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As American as garage rock seemed to be, it probably wouldn't have happened without the British invasion. Its influence is everywhere, from the ubiquitous bangs in the band publicity shots down to accents and riffs.

Most listeners just assumed San Francisco's Beau Brummels were from England. Others recorded straight covers of British bands, as when Detroit's Ratons cut the Kinks' "I Need You."

But there's just as much influence from gritty American blues, R&B and soul, undergoing its own flowering in the mid-'60s. Most of these bands likely covered James Brown and Wilson Pickett along with the other rock of the day in their local nightclub shows; the influence seeps into their singles.

Sometimes, it is direct, as when the Vagrants (which includes as guitarist one Leslie Weinstein, who would become Leslie West) cover Otis Redding's "Respect." Their hard-rocking version was making its way up the charts before it was obliterated by Aretha Franklin's own version, released about the same time.

On the other hand, the Human Beings' fierce hit version of "Nobody But Me" forever obscured the Isley Brothers original (though the band was upset to learn that their national label had changed the spelling of their name to Beinz — to tie in with hippie be-ins).

A direct line to American blues is here, too, as when the New York band the Groupies copy the "Smokestack Lightning" riff for their "Primitive."

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"Louie Louie" informs a lot of these tunes; the East Coast band the Rare Breed cops the riff entirely on their appropriately named "Beg, Borrow and Steal."

There may be quibbles, even with

a selection this wide, over what was left out (the Shadows of Knight are represented twice, but not by their biggest hit, "Gloria"). And there are cases to be made for great overlooked '60s bands in every town.

But the wealth and drive of *Nuggets* is strong enough to start a whole new punk movement. (The Hartford Courant)

NEWS

of the muse

By HELEN KAYE

Musical bridges

Music does build bridges. Despite the strained relations between this country and Morocco, the five-member Rabat Choral will participate in the Netanya choir festival *Shirat Yamim*, from October 19 to 22. The beleaguered province of Kosovo in Yugoslavia is also sending a choir, despite the fighting. Altogether, 25 choral groups from all over the world will attend and compete against 25 local choirs in half a dozen musical categories.

Friendly poetry

The Metulla Poetry Festival was one of the last projects former Arts and Culture Administration head Yossi Frost pushed through before he was fired after the '96 elections. The festival celebrates Hebrew poetry and runs from today through Thursday. Deciding that the first two festivals were a little too introverted, the organizers have sought to make this one more audience friendly and inclusive. It also celebrates the Jubilee. Poets include Ya'acov Orland, Maya Bejerano, Admiel Kussmann and this year's Bialik Prize winner, Aryeh Sivan. The programs range from poetry readings on a variety of subjects, to music composed to poems by such as Yona Wolloch, to discussions and even street and children's theater. Organizers say that the decision to go ahead with the festival was only made last week.

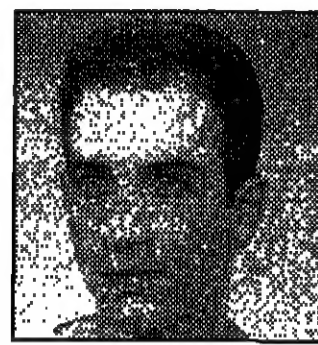
Munich celebrates Israeli dance

Munich's prestigious *Dance 98*, the city's sixth international dance festival, celebrates Israeli dance and Jewish choreographers in *Focus Israel* and *International Jewish Choreographers* from October 14 to 31. Participating Israelis include the BatSheva Dance Company, the Kibbutz Dance Company, Al-Kuds, and the Inbal Pinto Dance Company. Jewish choreographers from around the world include Karine Saporta from France, doyenne Meredith Monk from the US, Argentinian Roxana Grinstein and her El Escote company and the Galili Dance from Holland with work by expatriate Israeli Itzik Galili.

There'll also be lecture demonstrations with such as Amos Hetz (chamber dance), Gabi Eldor, and videos on the work of Inbal, Moshe Zifari, Liat Dror/Nir Ben-Gal, and Verigo (Adi Sha'al/Noa Wertneim). Many of the companies are also participating in France's 15-city, four-month Israeli arts festival. Both festivals acknowledge Israel's Jubilee.

Danish prize for Israeli choreographer

Choreographer Tamir Gintz has won Denmark's Albert Gaubier Prize for *Platform 1*, the first dance he created for Bat Dor, where he has headed the modern dance department for the last eight years. The Gaubier Prize for excellence is awarded to dancers and choreographers worldwide. *Platform 1* is set in the Central Bus Station.



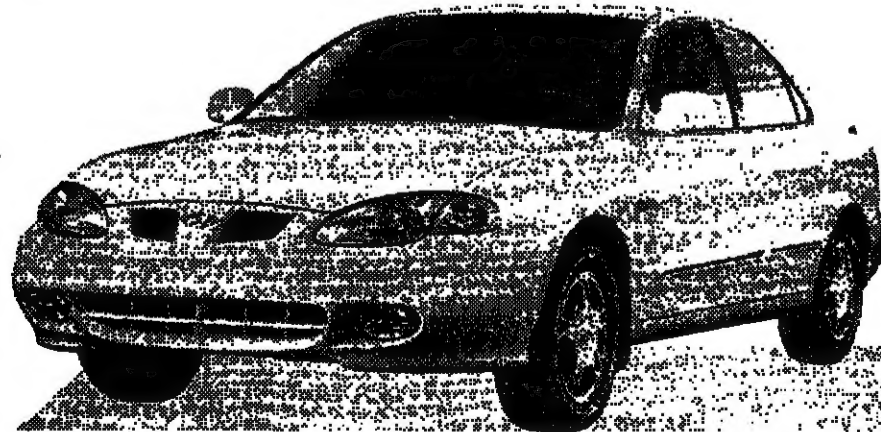
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Hiding and seeking in Tel Aviv

Iris Rubin's documentary, *Mahbo'im* ("Hide and Seek"), makes its wider premiere at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque on October 17. The film, which won the Volgin Prize at this year's Jerusalem Film Festival, follows a women's theater group in Jaffa. The women, all fighting to make ends meet, reveal their innermost selves through drama. Rubin has been a professional filmmaker for two years. Helen Kaye

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Brazil's Cardoso set for reelection

SAO PAULO (Reuters) - Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso yesterday appeared set for a historic second term, drawing just enough votes in Sunday's election to avoid a run-off that could have delayed critical economic reforms.

The 67-year-old social democrat - adored by Brazilians for taming hyperinflation that once hit 5,000 percent - took 50.6 percent of the vote with about half the total counted, early results showed.

Final official results from the election, Latin America's largest-ever with some 106 million votes being cast, are not due until Friday.

Cardoso mustered just a sliver over the 50% plus one vote he needs to avoid a second-round race with his main challenger, left-wing leader Luiz Lula Inacio da Silva, who had 34.7%.

Fishermen recover 29 bodies from airliner

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Fishermen have recovered 29 bodies from the sea following the disappearance of an airliner last week off Sri Lanka, officials said yesterday.

Government officials believe the Lionair passenger aircraft, an Antonov AN-24, may have strayed too close to a Tamil Tiger guerrilla base and been shot down by rebels. The rebels may have mistaken the aircraft for an air force troop transport plane.

Twenty bodies were found Sunday floating off Poonakary, a village about 160 miles north of Colombo, said Mariyadas Croos, the government's chief administrator in the northwestern Mannar district. Six more were found Saturday at Ariyal Point, and three others were found Friday near the village of Nachchikudah.

Amish defendants plead guilty in cocaine case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Two Amish men accused of dealing cocaine to youths in their Lancaster County community yesterday pleaded guilty to conspiracy to deliver the drug.

Abner King Stoltzfus, 23, and Abner Stoltzfus, 24, answered a long series of questions from the judge to make sure they understood their rights and the significance of a guilty plea. The men, who are not related, had originally pleaded innocent, but the government dropped other charges in exchange for the guilty plea. A sentencing date has not been set.

Assistant US Attorney Joe Dominguez said the two men bought cocaine weekly from members of a the Pagans motorcycle club. They then sold them to friends in three Amish youth groups between 1992 and 1997, prosecutors said. They were participating in what is known as "time out," when young Amish explore the outside world, then decide whether to join the faith.

Astaire's widow loses Supreme Court appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fred Astaire's widow lost a Supreme Court appeal yesterday, killing her lawsuit over what she claims was the unauthorized use of her famous husband's image in a dance-instruction videotape.

The justices, without comment, left intact a federal appeals court ruling that threw out Robyn Astaire's case against New York-based Best Film & Video Corp. Her appeal argued that the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals should have sent the case, based on an interpretation of California law, to the state's Supreme Court.

In his long show business career, Astaire was hailed as one of the nation's greatest dancers. He died in 1987.

Hours before Blair visit

China arrests human rights activist

By RENEE SCHOOF

BEIJING (Reuters) - Chinese police hauled in a prominent human rights activist for questioning yesterday just hours before China was to sign a key UN human rights treaty and host British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Qin Yongmin's latest run-in with the authorities came as he tried for the second time in a week to legally register a human rights monitoring group. Qin said a civil affairs official in the Hubei provincial capital of Wuhan accused him of engaging in illegal activities. The police came soon after he returned home.

"As I'm sending this statement, the Wuhan Public Security Bureau is again

taking me away," Qin said in a hastily-scrawled message faxed to reporters.

Qin, detained briefly two weeks ago, was questioned for about three hours before being released and was threatened with prosecution if he persisted in trying to set up his China Human Rights Observer.

Qin hoped the harassment would stop after China signs the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, but said if local authorities don't observe the treaty "we will unswervingly push ahead with protecting human rights."

China plans to sign the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights at the United Nations Monday. Blair is scheduled to land in Beijing this morning for the first visit by

a British prime minister in seven years.

The treaty is supposed to guarantee freedoms of speech and assembly. But even after China signs, the treaty would not come into force until ratified by the legislature, which may attach reservations effectively nullifying some provisions.

Blair has vowed to discuss differences over human rights with Chinese leaders. His visit has drawn appeals from dissidents and an international press freedom group urging him to persuade Chinese leaders to free political prisoners.

In an open letter, three dissident said while Chinese leaders say they respect human rights principles, in law and practice the government allows rights abuses and persecution of dissidents.

Thousands of political prisoners are believed to remain in Chinese prisons, labor camps or detention centers, said the letter, a copy of which was released by the Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China.

The letter called for the release of Shi Binhai, a journalist who compiled a popular book on political change, Fang Jue, a businessman who called openly for political reform; and other imprisoned activists.

Paris-based Reporters Without Borders urged Blair to call for the release of Gao Yu, Liu Xiaobo and Liu Jingsheng.

The three are among 13 journalists imprisoned "simply for attempting to practice their profession," it said.

Amnesty accuses US of widespread rights abuses

By KALPANA SREENIVASAN

WASHINGTON (AP) - The US measures other countries against a lofty ideal when it comes to human rights, but it frequently violates these standards, Amnesty International contends.

From prisoners forced to wear shock-emitting stun belts to police who beat suspects without cause, the 153-page report provides the group's first comprehensive look at human rights violations in the US.

Amnesty International accuses the US of criticizing other countries while not abiding by international treaties and principles of human rights itself. The US, for example, has failed to sign the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which seeks to promote human rights for children.

"When the US house is not in order, it makes it far harder for the US to take the kind of leadership role in international human rights that many of us in Amnesty would like to see it take," says William Schultz, executive director of the American chapter of the London-based organization.

Amnesty, a longtime vocal opponent of capital punishment, admonished the US for its continued use of the death penalty. The country should move to abolish the system, which is "racist, arbitrary and unfair," the group said.

US authorities have executed more than 350 prisoners since 1990, and another 3,300 prisoners await execution on death row, the report noted, and some states execute juveniles and persons with mental retardation.

International standards dictate that law enforcement officers should use force only as a last resort and in proportion to the threat they encounter. But the report accuses police of frequently disregarding these standards, beating and abusing suspects unnecessarily.

The 1997 case of Abner Louima, a Haitian immigrant allegedly tortured by New York City police, recently propelled the problem into the public spotlight.

But the report also points to abuses in other cities such as Philadelphia - where police allegedly conducted unjustified traffic stops and searches, particularly on minorities - and Pittsburgh - where drug squad officers allegedly planted evidence on suspects and falsified reports.



Assassination in Pakistan

Arshad Ali, who was travelling in a car with two Pakistani political leaders who were shot and killed yesterday in Karachi, is taken to a hospital. Gunmen opened fire on a car carrying senior members of the United People's Movement. Killed were Amir Zaki, 30, and his companion, Abdul Qadir. Ali and another person in the vehicle and two passers-by were also injured, police said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the shootings, but they were believed to stem from an ongoing feud between rival factions of the movement. (AP)

Plea bargain reached in Kentucky shooting

PADUCAH, Ky. (Reuters) - A teen-age boy, who said he felt rejected by peers and found power in guns, pleaded yesterday "guilty but mentally ill" yesterday in the shooting death of three high school classmates and the wounding of five others.

As part of a plea bargain agreement with prosecutors, Michael Carneal, 15, will be confined to a mental institution, rather than prison, for at least 25 years.

Judge Jeff Hines of the McCracken County Circuit Court said he will impose punishment on October 16, at which time he will decide whether to accept the agreement.

Hines asked Carneal if he understood his plea.

"Yes, sir," the boy said softly.

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On December 1, 1997, Carneal opened fire with stolen guns on a prayer group in the lobby of Heath High School in Paducah, Kentucky.

He was charged with three counts of murder, five counts of attempted murder, and burglary. He told psychiatrists he felt rejected by his peers and that guns made him feel powerful.

The plea bargain would permit Carneal to avoid a trial and let his community avoid having to relive the bloody horror in court testimony.

Carneal's lawyer accepted a demand by prosecutors that the youngster would draw a life sentence with no possibility of parole for at least 25 years.

Ramot Rahel

A vision of the future with a view to the past

Ramot Rahel is an ultra-modern housing project with stunning vistas of the eternal city of Jerusalem. It spans over 60 acres of prime real estate in a distinctly rural setting near the posh Talpuz neighborhood. The developer Or Yam Ltd., in a joint venture with Kaldash Construction Ltd., and Ramat Rechelim Construction Ltd., is constructing 650 residential units in 42 three-to-eight-story blocks of apartments.

Yehoshua Kalman, general manager of Or Yam, is proud of the project. "We are developing a new modern quarter in what might well be the last reserves of land in Israel's capital city - an investment of over \$100 million."

Ramat Rahel, a unique project because of its beautiful view, is slated to become one of the capital's most expensive pockets of real estate.

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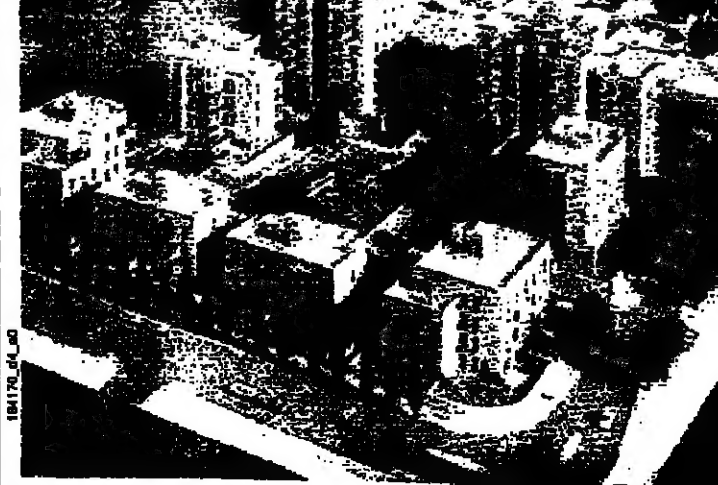
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And it's fun to be reminded of radio hits as strange as the Hombrs' "Let It Out (Let It All Hang Out)," which begins with an auctioneer's nonsensical bark and turns into a litany of strange

imagery over a laconic beat.

As American as garage rock seemed to be, it probably wouldn't have happened without the British invasion. Its influence is everywhere, from the ubiquitous bangs in the band publicity shots down to accents and riffs.

Most listeners just assumed San Francisco's Beau Brummels were from England. Others recorded straight covers of British bands, as when Detroit's Rationals cut the Kinks' "I Need You."

But there's just as much influence from gritty American blues, R&B and soul, undergoing its own flowering in the mid-'60s. Most of these bands likely covered James Brown and Wilson Pickett along with the other rock of the day in their local nightclub shows; the influence seeps into their singles.

Sometimes, it is direct, as when the Vagrants (which includes as guitarist one Leslie Weinstein, who would become Leslie West) cover Otis Redding's "Respect." Their hard-rocking version was making its way up the charts before it was obliterated by Aretha Franklin's own version, released about the same time.

On the other hand, the Human Beings' fierce hit version of "Nobodys But Me" forever obscured the Isley Brothers original (though the band was upset to learn that their national label had changed the spelling of their name to Beinz – to tie in with hippie be-ins).

A direct line to American blues is here, too, as when the New York band the Groupies copy the Smokestack Lightning riff for their "Primitive."

Mostly, the garage rock bands influenced each other. What worked for one band was quickly adopted by another.

"Louie Louie" informs a lot of these tunes: the East Coast band the Rare Breed cops the riff entirely on their appropriately named "Beg, Borrow and Steal."

There may be quibbles, even with

a selection this wide, over what was left out (the Shadows of Knight are represented twice, but not by their biggest hit, "Gloria"). And there are cases to be made for great overlooked '60s bands in every town.

But the wealth and drive of *Nuggets* is strong enough to start a whole new punk movement.

(The Hartford Courant)

NEWS

of the muse

BY HELEN KAYE

Musical bridges

Music does build bridges. Despite the strained relations between this country and Morocco, the five-member Rabat Chorale will participate in the Netanya choir festival *Shiray Yamim*, from October 19 to 22. The beleaguered province of Kosovo in Yugoslavia is also sending a choir, despite the fighting. Altogether, 25 choral groups from all over the world will attend and compete against 25 local choirs in half a dozen musical categories.

Friendly poetry

The Metulla Poetry Festival was one of the last projects former Arts and Culture Administration head Yossi Frost pushed through before he was fired after the '96 elections. The festival celebrates Hebrew poetry and runs from today through Thursday. Deciding that the first two festivals were a little too introverted, the organizers have sought to make this one more audience friendly and inclusive. It also celebrates the Jubilee. Poets include Ya'acov Orland, Maya Bejerano, Admiel Kussmann and this year's Bialik Prize winner, Aryeh Sivan. The programs range from poetry readings on a variety of subjects, to music composed to poems by such as Yona Wolloch, to discussions and even street and children's theater. Organizers say that the decision to go ahead with the festival was only made last week.

Munich celebrates Israeli dance

Munich's prestigious *Dance 98*, the city's sixth international dance festival, celebrates Israeli dance and Jewish choreographers in *Focus Israel and International Jewish Choreographers* from October 14 to 31. Participating Israelis include the Batsheva Dance Company, the Kibbutz Dance Company, Al-Kuds, and the Inbal Pinto Dance Company. Jewish choreographers from around the world include Karine Saporta from France, doyenne Meredith Monk from the US, Argentinian Roxana Grinstein and her El Escote company and the Galili Dance from Holland with work by expatriate Israeli Itzik Galili.

There'll also be lecture demonstrations with such as Amos Hetz (chamber dance), Gabi Eldor, and videos on the work of Inbal, Moshe Ifriti, Liat Dror/Nir Ben-Gal, and Verigo (Adi Sha'al/Noa Werneim). Many of the companies are also participating in France's 15-city, four-month Israeli arts festival. Both festivals acknowledge Israel's Jubilee.

Danish prize for Israeli choreographer

Choreographer Tamir Gintz has won Denmark's Albert Gaubier Prize for *Platform 1*, the first dance he created for Bat Dor, where he has headed the modern dance department for the last eight years. The Gaubier Prize for excellence is awarded to dancers and choreographers worldwide. *Platform 1* is set in the Central Bus Station.



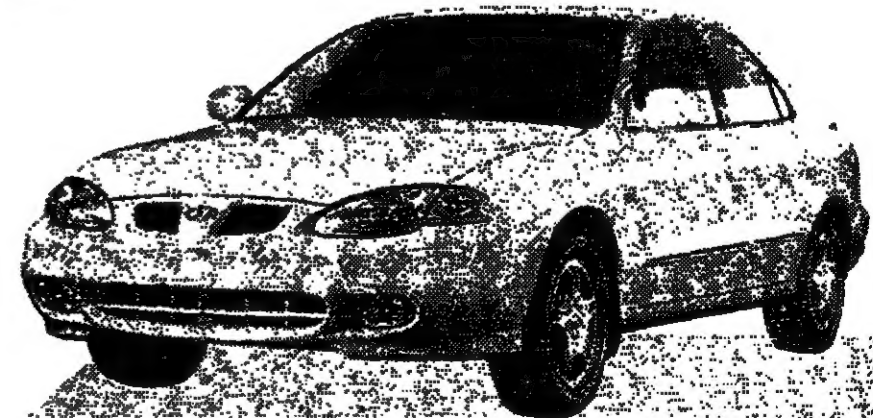
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Hiding and seeking in Tel Aviv

Iris Rubin's documentary, *Mahbo'im* ("Hide and Seek"), makes its wider premiere at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque on October 17. The film, which won the Volgin Prize at this year's Jerusalem Film Festival, follows a women's theater group in Jaffa. The women, all fighting to make ends meet, reveal their innermost selves through drama. Rubin has been a professional filmmaker for two years. Helen Kaye

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Transparency is the key

Only a few short years ago, the annual International Monetary Fund's conference of finance ministers was an occasion to celebrate the triumph of capitalism. Optimists spoke of an impending long period of unprecedented global economic growth, buoyed by the capital flows that seemed to be washing up on every shore. The toasts of the celebratory atmosphere were the emerging markets of Asia and South America, whose economic growth forecasts were so robust some dared to pronounce them "miraculous".

Had the participants of those past IMF conferences been able to peer through a crystal ball to this year's conference, currently being conducted in Washington, DC, they would have been aghast. A palpable sense of gloom and doom has fallen on a global economy that has suffered through 14 months of crises spreading like influenza, bringing with them unpaid debts, turmoil and panic in bourses, unemployment and social upheavals.

The unregulated capital flows that were so welcomed when times were good have turned out to be a two-edged sword. Their volatile speed and volume make efforts at preventing economic crises from spreading from country to country seem like sticking a finger in a burst dam, while the magic of multiple growth rates they bring with them in entering a country is matched by the sharp and painful economic contractions left behind when they are withdrawn.

Matters have gotten so far out of hand that the IMF last week officially predicted a sharp world-wide slowdown in growth next year, in an unprecedented announcement stressing the "unusually fragile current economic situation." World leaders have publicly taken to stating in dramatic speeches that fighting this global recession is the biggest challenge the IMF has faced in 53 years.

Gloomiest of all are the emerging markets that barely two years ago were being held up as models of how to achieve economic growth. They are now paying severely for seemingly having made every possible mistake.

The 175 nations participating in the conference include Israel, represented this year by Finance Minister Yankov Neeman and Treasury Director-General Ben-Zion Zilberfarb. The economic situation here is certainly far from rosy. The country is going through the hardest recession in 30 years and the unemployment rate is unbearable.

But compared to many other nations that were in the past classed with Israel as strongly emerging markets - and which are now begging for IMF handouts to prevent their complete bankruptcy - our situation is not as bad as it could have been. On the contrary, given a number of fundamental strengths in the economy, once the recession ends, Israel should be poised to begin a very strong rebound, well ahead of the former Asian tigers.

The credit for this should go to Neeman and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, who have endured a long spate of criticism for stubbornly sticking to policies of monetary and budgetary restraint. Pushing down inflation and curbing budget spending have inevitably been accompanied by some pain. But the truth is that it is those policies that have likely prevented Israel from succumbing to the economic contagion raging around the globe.

The principle behind the Frenkel-Neeman policies can be summed up in the one word being repeated like a mantra in the IMF conference: transparency. Transparency in this sense refers to the readiness with which information on true costs is made available to those making economic decisions and allocating resources. When there is no transparency, resources are misallocated, leading eventually to economic imbalances and crises.

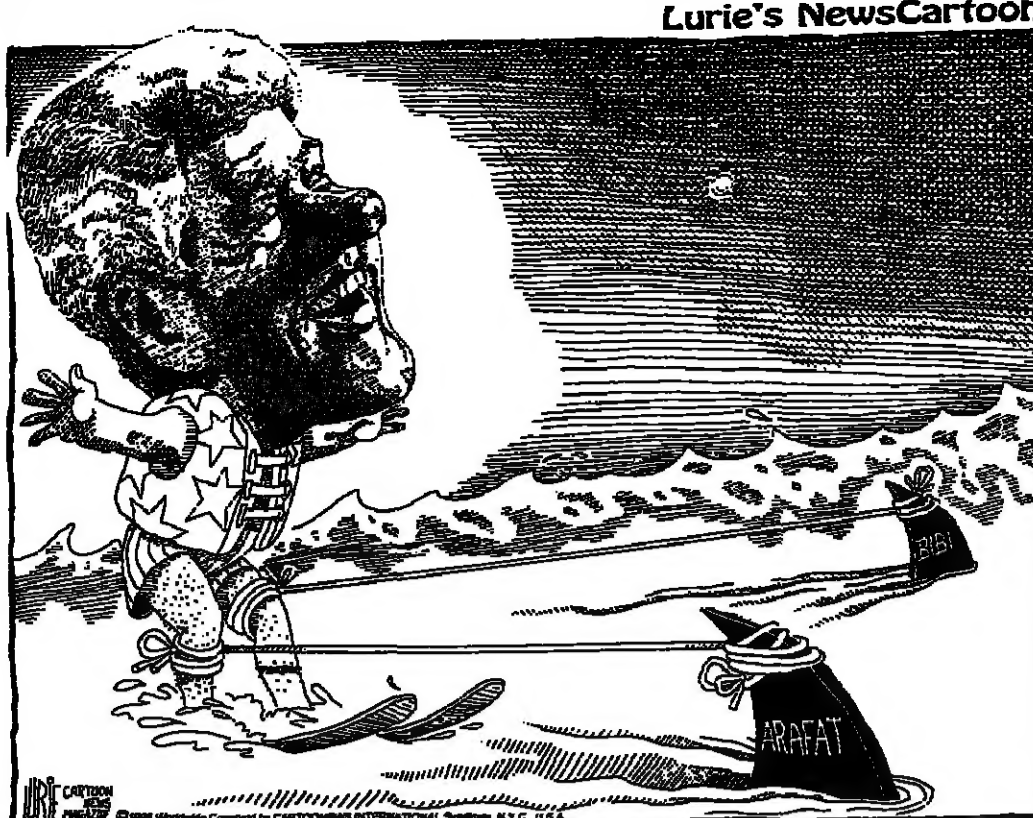
Those calling for lifting budget restraints and sharply lowering interest rates are, in effect, calling for government-initiated economic distortions. Budget deficits need to be financed. Both of the major methods of doing so, taxation and public borrowing, distort the economy by redirecting resources at the expense of savings and investment.

Artificial consumption, high inflation and balance-of-payments crises typically accompany deficit financing. They would undoubtedly give the economy a boost, but it would be a temporary one, because it would be built on illusions, and last only until foreign investors begin fleeing and leaving an exchange-rate crisis behind them. Thanks to wise and persistent policies, Israel has been spared all this.

There are a number of economic policy initiatives in the works that should be applauded. These include continuing privatization and liberalization, in addition to the major overhaul of the taxation system promised by the Treasury. Some of the details of the proposed taxation reform need to be adjusted, to be sure, but in principle there is a crying need to redistribute the burden of taxation in this country, currently one of the most heavily distorting factors of all.

On the other hand, the biggest economic failure of this government has been its weakness in the face of politically motivated demands for large-scale subsidies of unproductive sectors. While the prescription for regaining economic strength being dosed out by the IMF includes cutting back on transfer payments, the Israeli government continues to increase them to buy political support from small parties. This flaw in the general drive towards reducing economic distortions is exacting a painful cost.

Israel's representatives at the IMF conference would do well to concentrate on this point and learn from the mistakes of others. Government handouts can only go on for so long before the burden becomes too much to bear.



"Look! No hands!"

Avoiding 'Black May'

YOSSI BEILIN

October 15 is almost a minute after the clock chimes midnight.

It is hard to believe that although 1998 is drawing to a close, the first redeployment has not yet been implemented, and only six months are left to the end of the five-year period signifying what should have been the interim agreement.

Even Netanyahu's greatest skeptics, those who did not for a moment believe that he would spring any great surprises on us, despite his promise to surprise us even more than Menachem Begin, expected him to implement the interim agreement based on his commitments in the Hebron agreement of January 1997.

Now, even if the first and second redeployments are implemented together, it seems hard to believe that negotiations on the permanent settlement can begin and be concluded within six months. If this does not happen, we will reach May 4, 1999 with the Palestinians claiming that the agreement has expired and that they are entitled to declare a Palestinian state, while the government of Israel will announce that it does not recognize this state and will not have any contacts with it.

I do not know how many people on either side are giving consideration to the issue of how we will live in a world in which we do not recognize Palestinian workers, we do not recognize their VIP documents, we don't recognize their exports and do not transfer VAT to

them. How many of us are prepared for a situation in which Palestinians will wish to pass through the border crossings to Egypt and Jordan, only to encounter Israeli soldiers? It is a problem worthy of consideration, if only to avoid the situation.

WHEN the next summit meeting takes place in Washington

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between President Clinton, Prime Minister Netanyahu and Chairman Arafat they must relate not only to the problem of the "nature reserves."

The critical question is no longer the second redeployment or even the connection between the second and third redeployments. It is whether or not we are capable of preventing an escalation of violence which will surely

be the outcome of the economic strangulation of the territories under Palestinian control and the friction which will be created by the border crossings.

This may not be Israel-Palestinian violence, it could involve a much more widespread outbreak of violence as a result of the serious tension likely to be created which we are incapable of defusing.

The upcoming summit in Washington will not be considered a success even if there is agreement on the continuation of the interim agreement.

That is yesterday's news. The summit must deal with May 4, 1999 and speed up the discussions on the permanent settlement or find an immediate formula for extending the interim phase in return for certain Israeli action and Israeli commitments to the Palestinians.

Anyone proposing that Arafat ignore May 4, 1999 is belittling the only date which has been considered "holy" ever since the Camp David agreements were signed by Begin and Sadat. If Arafat ignores this date, he will weaken himself and he will strengthen Hamas, clearly harming Israel's interests. Only a formula which will allow him to accept a series of Israeli commitments will enable this period to be extended and prevent next May from turning into the "Black May" of the Middle East peace process.

Rethink the Basic Laws

EVELYN GORDON

A battle royale is shaping up in the Knesset this fall. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said last week that he hopes to introduce three new Basic Laws on human rights into the Knesset shortly after the winter session opens. The haredi parties, however, have threatened all-out war against these bills.

One of the bills, the Basic Law: Social Rights, is an impractical socialist dream that was previously rejected by the Knesset on the grounds that it could never be implemented. It includes items such as the "right" to a job.

The other two, however, deal with important human rights that are currently unprotected in law, though fairly well-protected by Supreme Court precedents. These include the Basic Law: Freedom of Expression and Assembly, which guarantees freedom of speech and the right to demonstrate, and the Basic Law: Legal Rights, which covers the rights of anyone dealing with the court system.

This being the case, it would seem that right is on Hanegbi's side, while the haredim are merely being narrow-minded and provincial. Unfortunately, however, there is a great deal of merit to the position of the haredim - because most of the Basic Laws on human rights are bad constitutional legislation, and a bad law can be as dangerous as no law at all.

The best example is the 1992 Basic Law: Human Dignity and Liberty, which is the archetype of all the others. This law protects essential rights, such as freedom from arrest and property rights. However, the protections granted are so broad that if taken literally, they would prevent any normal government function.

Section 3, for instance, states baldly that "There shall be no violation of the property of a person" - which, taken literally, would eradicate taxation. Section 5 states: "There shall be no deprivation or restriction of the liberty of a person by imprisonment, arrest, extradition or otherwise" - thereby precluding

police powers.

The framers of the law were, of course, aware of this problem, and they therefore left a loophole. Section 8 states that the enumerated rights can be violated by "A law befitting the values of the State of Israel, enacted for a proper purpose, and to an extent no greater than is required."

In Section 1, Israel's values are

A bad law can be as dangerous as no law at all

defined as those of "A Jewish and democratic state." The other Basic Laws on human rights contain similarly sweeping definitions, and similar exceptions clauses.

BEYOND the extremely broad definition of Israel's values, however, none of the laws give any clues as to where the line between individual rights and the state's needs should be drawn.

They also offer no input into where the balance should be struck between "Jewish" and "democratic" values. These are constitutional questions of the highest importance, which should be based on the broadest possible consensus.

Instead, the Knesset has essentially abdicated responsibility, leaving the task of answering them to the unelected and unrepresentative Supreme Court.

Fourteen people, all from the same profession, cannot possibly represent the myriad concerns of a nation of several million, however dedicated and talented they may be. This is especially true when certain sectors, such as the haredim, are not included at all.

This is a serious systemic flaw, independent of the composition of the court at any given moment.

The fact that the values of the current Court sometimes appear to differ radically from those of the general public merely adds insult to injury.

The vague wording of the laws also opens the gate for the Court to create rights never envisioned by the Knesset. In one 1997 ruling, for instance, the Court decided the "right to determine one's self-image" is subsumed under a Basic Law's prohibition against violating the "dignity of any person." This right, it continued, obligates the state to supply much more expensive gas masks to bearded men should a chemical attack be threatened, rather than requiring them to shave so they can use the ordinary kind.

All constitutional legislation is necessarily broad, and the Supreme Court will therefore have considerable latitude to interpret any such law. The current Basic Laws, however, are so broad as to be useless.

Not only do they enable the Court to interpret any whim as a protected right, they also permit it to ruthlessly abrogate rights, should it so choose.

In the name of fighting terror, for instance, the most draconian limitations on individual freedoms could be seen as compatible with the Basic Laws, since protecting people's lives is certainly in accordance with Jewish and democratic values.

The Basic Laws would better serve their purpose by defining the rights they protect more narrowly. This would both limit the Court's ability to create constitutional rights of its own, and afford greater protection to those rights that are included, by enabling a much less sweeping exceptions clause. This in turn would eliminate the need for the Court to handle tasks unsuited to it, such as determining Israel's values.

The proposed bills suffer from all of these same flaws - and bad constitutional legislation, once passed, is difficult to get rid of. It would therefore be better to send them back to the drawing board.

'Third Way' blather

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

First Reagan, then Thatcher, now Kohl. The heroic age - the age of the outsized, unswerving leaders who brought victory to the last great global conflict of the 20th century - is over. Now it is Clinton, Blair and Schroeder, as in Gerhard Schroeder, the newly elected chancellor of Germany.

The old guard's exit was by no means as swift and unceremonious as Britain's rejection of Churchill less than two months after Germany surrendered in World War II. But the what-have-you-done-for-me-lately message is the same. The three Western countries most instrumental in winning the Cold War have turned out the hard-line parties that won it.

And turned toward... what? Clinton, Blair and Schroeder represent a new generation, a willingness to experiment ("the courage to change" - Clinton '92), and the promise of a kinder, gentler capitalism.

That should be explanation enough. But for Clinton and Blair and the intellectuals who flatter them, that won't do. Vanity demands that they be more than just clever, adaptive politicians. They must be leaders of a heretofore unrecognized world-historical movement.

The movement has been dubbed "The Third Way." And Tony Blair, in a recent philosophical gem titled "Third Way, Better Way," which appeared in *The Washington Post*, explains what it is.

Third Way means navigating "beyond an old Left preoccupied by state control, high taxation and producers' interests and a new laissez-faire Right championing narrow individualism and a belief that free markets are the answer to every problem."

Now, one-half of this formulation is pure invention. No one believes that free markets are the

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answer to every problem.

Conservatism holds simply that free markets are a better guide than government, though government has a crucial role in maintaining both the rule of law and a social safety net.

BLAIR IS RIGHT, however, about the Left. The problem for the Left is this: The end of the Cold War marks the collapse not just of communism but of socialism. For a hundred years, socialism was the alternative in the democratic West to free-market capitalism. Blair's own Labor Party, for example, stood for the preeminence of government, for nationalized industry, for extraordinary social regulation and for massive taxation to support it all. It proved an unmitigated disaster. And when Reagan and Thatcher proved the revitalizing effect of rolling it back through privatization, deregulation and lower taxation, the rout was complete. No one believes in socialism anymore. What was the Left to do?

Transform socialism into social conscience and compassion - deployed, of course, with flexibility - producing "a new balance between rights and duties" (Blair, again).

Sounds great. But does it mean anything? Can you give us an example? Sure, says Blair: "reforming welfare to make it a pathway to work where possible." This is an idea of the Left? In the United States, Republicans rammed welfare reform down the throat of a Third Way president who, on the advice of Dick Morris, signed the bill because he thought it might otherwise cost him the election.

Now that welfare reform is working, conservatives are delighted that Clinton is taking credit for it. But it shows that Third Way ("triangulation," Clinton-Morris called it) is simply the Left coming around to the social policy of the Right - in this case, helping the poor not by perpetuating a system of handouts but by encouraging and, yes, forcing people into the dignity of work - without the courage to admit it.

What this century has taught us is that there is no Third Way. What does Clinton's Third Way stand for? His party is today reduced to launching an election-eve jihad over an \$80 billion tax cut. Over five years. That's \$16 billion a year in an \$8,000 billion economy. It means federal taxation of 20.4 percent of GDP, rather than 20.6.

Some movement. Some philosophy. What really is The Third Way? It is the sound of the Left moving Right but stopping 0.2 percent shy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SO SURE HE IS RIGHT

Sir, - Jonathan Rosenblum's columns rarely fail to offend my sensibilities as a Jew, but I generally find his arguments well-reasoned and intelligent. However, his September 18 piece on Orthodox Jewish US Senator Joseph Lieberman showed the ugly side of Rosenblum, that side of him that refuses to see the reality of the world because he is so sure he is right.

Rosenblum writes that Lieberman is a moral man because "his religion demands from him daily sacrifices... and not just protestations of faith." Rosenblum also writes that it is the very fact Lieberman is Orthodox which makes him "immune" to accusa-

tions that he might have committed some indiscretion.

Being Orthodox, or even ultra-Orthodox, is not proof positive that someone is an upright person. Unless Rosenblum does not deign to read the paper that publishes him, I would assume he knows this.

A few months ago an Israeli court found guilty an ultra-Orthodox man (son of a famous rabbi) who sexually molested his niece for a period of years starting when she was a young teen. That upright community that Rosenblum lauds threw the girl out because she went to the police - despite her previous failed attempts to get help from rabbis in the community.

REFURBISH THE COURT

Sir, - There is an urgent need to refurbish and bring up-to-date the premises and facilities of the Rabbinical Court in Petah Tikva. It is inexcusable that in this day and age such a primitive environment still exists in our country.

Over the last 20 years, I have seen most government offices refurbished, computerized, etc. and I wonder why this institution which services people from cradle to grave has been overlooked.

There are no basic amenities: no proper chairs to sit on, no decent bathrooms. The "waiting room" leaves much to be desired. Proper renovations are long, overdue.

Modernizing this building would also do a lot to improve relations between religious and secular Israelis, since a more pleasant environment in which to conduct business would reduce tempers and create better feeling. The rabbis who work in this

And has Rosenblum heard of domestic violence? It also occurs among the ultra-Orthodox - just ask any women's organization dealing with the issue. Prostitution? Hang around some of the seedier parks late at night and one can see ultra-Orthodox men who are not there for prayer.

If Rosenblum still has some doubts, he should stop by the magazine store/cafe off Jaffa Road near Zion Square and look at the ultra-Orthodox men leafing through the pornographic magazines. Don't tell me they are just reading the articles.

Tel Aviv.

ALIZA MARCUS

atmosphere are extremely respectful and most apologetic about what has to be endured. The new family court in Tel Aviv is quite attractive and contributes to the feelings people have when they have to meet there.

The powers that be should look into this situation and improve it as soon as possible.

Ra'anana.

ADINA KAMSLER

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On October 6, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that two of the five Palestine Arabs accused of participation in the murder of the Nahalal farmer Yacobi and his son David were sentenced to be hanged. Three other Arabs were acquitted for lack of evidence.

50 years ago: On October 6,

1948, *The Palestine Post* reported on continued Arab attacks on Israeli positions in Jerusalem. Egyptian troops launched an attack from the village of Sur Bahir, east of Talpiot, and at the same time Arab forces opened fire in the Beit Safa area. Both attacks were repulsed but shooting and shelling continued throughout the day.

The "Gaza Government" which was recognized by Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the Yemen gave the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem absolute powers and started to issue various decrees. Israel published its first six-month budget.

Alexander Zvielli

Past Reason

Yes, Blood Stains the Balkans. No, It's Not Just Fate.

By ROGER COHEN

COULD it be that the latest images of slaughtered ethnic Albanians from Kosovo — slashed abdomens, spilled brains, slit throats, severed limbs — comfort the West in a deeply held notion of incorrigible Balkan violence even as they spur renewed talk of NATO air strikes against the Serbs?

The question is a terrible one. But after a decade of killing set in motion by the rise to power in 1987 of the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, it seems it must be posed. The cycle of butchery, professed Western outrage, threats, subsequent obfuscation and disaster has been too repetitive to ignore.

In the jumbled images of pointed Ottoman staves topped with Christian heads, ax-wielding executioners of Fascist-era Croatia, bearded Serbian "Chetniks" with murderous grins and other ghoul-like images of "ancient Balkan tribal rivalries," the West has often found justification for its stance.

A Bad Century

It has been a bloody century in the Balkans. Only a fool would deny that. From 1912 until today, five wars have been fought, if the ongoing wars of Yugoslavia's destruction are regarded as a single conflict (otherwise, including Kosovo, the wars number eight). More than two million people have been killed.

But perhaps lazy thinking about the consistency of Mr. Milosevic's destructive policies, twisted memories, contorted history and Western cynicism have contributed more decisively to the bloodshed than any fabled Balkan predisposition to kill and to mutilate.

One of the more unforgettable gestures of the latest Balkan conflicts was the nonchalant wave of the hand of Gen. Sir Michael Rose, the commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia in 1994, that always accompanied his dismissive mantra: "This is the Balkans, you know."

The phrase, a new rendering of Otto von Bismarck's laconic "The Balkans are not worth the healthy bones of a Pomeranian grenadier," amounted to a form of renunciation. In it was captured a widespread,

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Serb terror has driven many ethnic Albanians from their homes in Kosovo. In August, a refugee family sheltered from the cold and rain in a basement in the village of Brolic.

often subliminal, view that if the people in the Balkans are really intent on killing each other, there is not much to be done about it.

Last week, adopting the well-honed genre, Michael D. McCurry, the White House spokesman, responded to the mutilation in Kosovo by saying, "These atrocities are part and parcel of the horror that has been under way in the Balkans for years." He did not try to quantify the years. But in June 1995, speaking of the Bosnian war, Bill Clinton did.

"Their enmities," he said, "go back 500 years, some would say almost a thousand years." Quick arithmetic yielded the astonishing fact that, for the President, there had been an uninterrupted stream of Balkan bloodshed since 995.

Of course, that was not the case. But a violence so constant would be a fact of life so entrenched that no reasonable person would attempt to put an end to it. Therein lay the essence of the President's message. Another message was not lost on

the people of Sarajevo. While disguised as history, the premise of such comments was an ineluctable "Balkan savagery." Savagery, as we all know, is the work of savages.

But the entirely predictable course of the Balkan conflict — from the Kosovo of the late 1980's where Mr. Milosevic whipped the Serbs into a delirium of nationalist indignation to the latest deadly spasms of that delirium in Kosovo today — raises an important question. If cool analysis, rather than what has often

looked like unspoken prejudice, had guided Western policy, might not many lives have been saved?

For Kosovo, whose population is more than 90 percent ethnic Albanian, always held the key to the decade-long violence that has now come full circle in the Balkans, and the key to Mr. Milosevic's destructive psyche. There was nothing ancient about the start of Yugoslavia's violent unravelling.

In 1986, the Serbian Memorandum, the nationalist diatribe that

was the basis of Mr. Milosevic's rise to power, spoke of the "neo-Fascist aggression" of the Kosovo Albanians, their "reign of terror," their attack on "the cradle of the Serbs' historical existence," and their "physical, political, legal and cultural genocide of the Serbian population in Kosovo."

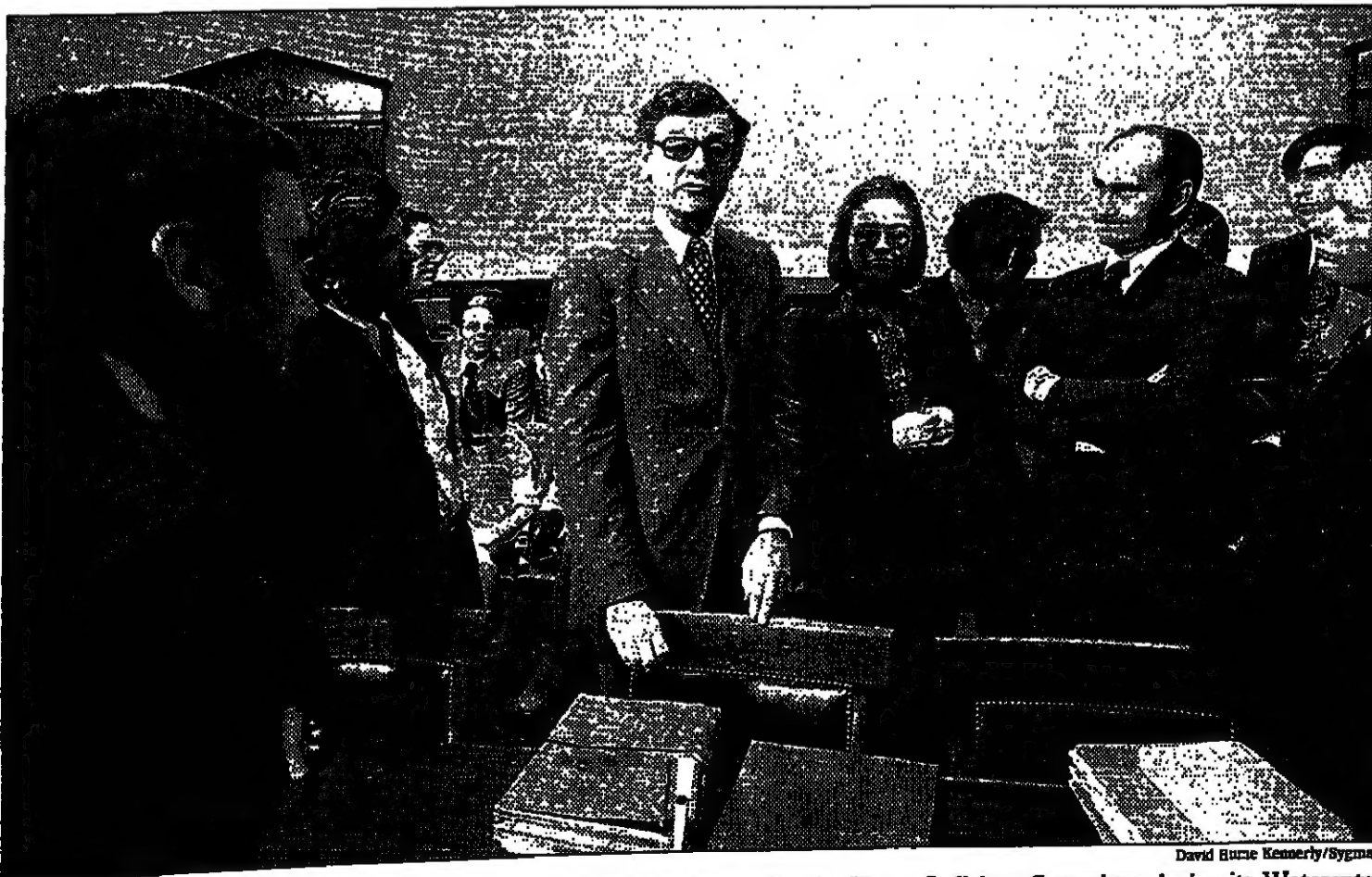
In fact, through the 1980's, no more than a handful of Serbs died in violent incidents in Kosovo. There

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Congress's Maze of Choices

Impeachment: Decisions, Decisions

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM



Hillary Rodham, Bill Clinton's future wife, center, worked as a lawyer for the House Judiciary Committee during its Watergate inquiry. Congress is hashing out impeachment proceedings again, but the details are by no means certain.

CONGRESS is beginning to climb the impeachment tree. Each time the limbs divide, the politicians must decide, this way or that. Each decision will take them closer to one of the outermost branches: impeachment, resignation or some form of Congressional sanction.

The first of the binary choices will be made this week when the House of Representatives votes on whether to launch a formal impeachment inquiry. No one doubts that an inquiry will be approved. But exactly what the House Judiciary Committee will investigate is another matter.

When the Watergate investigations began, serious doubts existed about President Nixon's culpability. "What did the President know, and when did he know it?" Senator Howard H. Baker Jr. kept asking. It took more than a year and required testimony from the President's top aides (though not the President himself) and Nixon's own tape-recorded comments in the Oval Office to answer that basic question.

In the current scandal, the important facts are known, down to the shabbiest details. The testimony of the main witnesses, including President Clinton, is on the public record, having been taken by a grand jury and published by Congress.

So will the Judiciary Committee hold public hearings? If so, who will be summoned to testify who can add to what is already clear? It is hard to imagine that the panel

can have hearings without calling the principal witness, Monica S. Lewinsky. And it is even harder to imagine how Ms. Lewinsky could testify without frightfully embarrassing her questioners, the rest of Congress and much of the country.

The committee will also have to decide whether to expand its investigations into other areas like the Whitewater real estate deal, campaign finance abuses and misuse of personnel records in the White House (with or without new information from the independent counsel, Kenneth W. Starr). The problem here for the Republicans is that other Congressional committees have thoroughly plumbed those issues without striking pay dirt.

Questions Easy and Hard

Rather than re-gather the facts, the Judiciary Committee may confine itself to interpreting them. Here, there are two essential questions, one easy to answer and the other much harder.

The easy question is whether Mr. Clinton lied under oath when he denied having a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. Few if any lawmakers will take Mr. Clinton's side and say that what he did was not sex. They would risk being laughed out of office by their constituents.

The much more difficult question is whether this warrants impeachment. Obviously, it is not in the same category as treason, bribery or rampant Government corruption. On the other hand, perjury, even on private

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Shedding New Light On a Scandalous Episode

By MICHAEL JANOWSKY

OF all the episodes shaping public opinion about prosecutorial conduct in the White House scandal, few seemed so wrenching as when the mother of Monica S. Lewinsky broke down on her second day of questioning before the grand jury last February.

Evening news footage of Ms. Lewinsky's shaken mother, Marcia Lewis, being helped from the courthouse — her mascara running, her legs wobbly — quickly raised public indignation against Kenneth W. Starr, the independent counsel. Imagine: squeezing a girl's mother to bring down a President!

But the disclosure of Ms. Lewis's testimony last

Lewinsky's mother broke down after an innocuous exchange, not badgering.

week, in the latest release of documents by the House Judiciary Committee, brings forth a murkier picture of the incident.

The immediate catalyst touching off this defining moment in public attitudes toward Mr. Starr's investigation was not badgering, prying questions about Ms. Lewinsky's sex life. Rather, Ms. Lewis's session before the grand jury was brought to an abrupt close by a relatively innocuous exchange.

An associate independent counsel, Michael Emrick, wanted to know if Ms. Lewis had ever referred to the President's friend Vernon E. Jordan Jr. by the code name "Gwen" or to Hillary Rodham Clinton as "Babba" in communications with her daughter. The

question apparently referred to a conversation about code names between Ms. Lewinsky and Linda R. Tripp as tape recorded by Ms. Tripp.

Ms. Lewis said she had not, but after explaining that "our grandmother, we used to call her Babba," she asked for a recess. In the hallway outside the grand jury room, she broke down. According to a record of the day kept by Mr. Starr's office, she cried: "I can't take it. I can't take anymore. I can't stand it."

Skeptical

To that point in her testimony, Ms. Lewis had given scarcely any indication that she knew of the sexual relationship between her daughter and President Clinton. Professing to a "very loving" relationship with her daughter, she told prosecutors she knew little of the relationship other than that her daughter, a White House intern, cared about the President deeply, that they had exchanged gifts and that, later, her daughter had grown to hate him.

Prosecutors evidently did not believe that she was being completely truthful, and it was perhaps the cumulative effect of their questioning over the two days that unraveled her.

Ms. Lewis acknowledged she had suspicions that the relationship might have had a sexual dimension. And she said she was surprised to learn that powerful people like Mr. Jordan and the American Ambassador to the United Nations would be helping her 23-year-old daughter find employment in New York.

But before the grand jury and in a deposition two months later, she responded repeatedly with noncommittal answers like "I don't remember" and "I don't know" to questions seeking clarification and particulars.

Prosecutors tried repeatedly, and unsuccessfully, to get her to recall conversations in which her daughter might have revealed the depth of her involvement with Mr. Clinton.

"At some point," a prosecutor asked, "did you begin to suspect that she had a sexual relationship of some kind with the President?"

"There were times," she said. "There were times I



Marcia Lewis, Monica S. Lewinsky's mother, after testifying in February.

suspected it, yes."

"Why did you suspect that?"

"Just, nothing, nothing concrete. Just began to suspect it, suspect that it could be."

"O.K., and did you ask her about that?"

"No."

Later, she was asked, "Has she told you about any sexual contact she's had with the President?"

"No sexual contact."

It appeared to strike prosecutors as odd that Ms. Lewis often described her daughter as unhappy and tearful. Only when pressed did she allow that she surmised the unhappiness stemmed from poor treatment by the President.

Ms. Lewis: "I had no way of finding out, but if you're

asking me if I thought my daughter was being hurt and what did I do about it, I begged her to leave Washington. I begged her to get another job. I begged her to date other people and start a different life. But there was no way and nothing I could have done at that time and no one I could have said this to because it would have been unbelievable."

But prosecutors pressed on, asking in many different ways why a loving mother would not have interceded in such a situation, or why at least she had not asked more probing questions.

Each time, Ms. Lewis seemed to deflect their parries, saying things did not always happen as the prosecutors suggested. And even if they did, she said, she felt Monica could handle it.

For Congress, Decisions, Decisions on Impeachment

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matters, is not an inconsequential breach of the American system.

The way the Judiciary Committee answers may depend on who is sitting on the panel after the November election.

Two members of the committee, Charles E. Schumer of New York, a Democrat, and Bob Inglis of South Carolina, a Republican, are running for the Senate and will not be in the House next year. Others may be defeated in the election or may seek assignment on committees with more overall authority, like Ways and Means or Appropriations. The ratio of Republicans to Democrats on the Judiciary Committee, now 21 to 18, is based loosely on the ratio in the whole House, and gains by one party or the other in the elections could alter the partisan balance. In any event, party leaders will probably have the chance to fill several slots, and the committee's vote to recommend impeachment or not could turn on whether the leaders pick firebrands or conciliators.

If the committee does recommend impeachment, the matter will then go before

Capital tea leaves: Politics, election results and the blush factor.

the full House of Representatives, to be decided by the vote of a simple majority. Here too, the November elections could be the determining factor.

The Republican edge now is only 21 seats, the smallest margin for the majority party in more than 40 years. If, as a result of the elections, the Republican margin is, say, doubled, the prospects of impeachment will be greater. If the Republicans cannot expand their majority, impeachment is much less likely. In 1974, the year of the Nixon impeachment inquiry, Democrats held a 50-seat majority in the House. President Nixon resigned before the full House could vote on

the impeachment articles approved by the Judiciary Committee.

If the House does vote to impeach President Clinton, he would stand trial in the Senate. Conviction would require a two-thirds majority. If the vote in the House is essentially along party lines, conviction in the Senate seems out of the question, since Democratic senators would likely not break ranks. Republicans now hold 55 Senate seats. They could gain strength in the elections. But no one expects 67 Republicans in the next Senate.

But if a sizable number of Democrats join in the House vote to impeach, the outcome in the Senate would become less predictable. Democratic senators would feel freer to vote to convict.

Supposedly, President Clinton would sit in the well of the Senate. Members of the House would serve as prosecutors. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist would preside. No one can quite fathom what it would be like. There is no modern precedent. The only other time a President has been tried on impeachment charges was in 1868, when the Senate fell one vote shy of convicting An-

drew Johnson, who boycotted the proceedings.

Of course, at each juncture, lawmakers could choose not to move on to the next branch toward impeachment.

One possibility is that President Clinton will resign, though that seems unlikely as long as his approval rating in the polls remains so high. Many political scholars, even some who would like to see Mr. Clinton impeached, believe resignation would be a serious mistake. It would leave unanswered the question of whether a President should be removed from office for an offense that did not involve a matter of state. And since it would bypass the Constitutional procedures for removing the President from office, it would, some say, disenfranchise the voters who had no illusions that he led the personal life of a saint when they elected him twice.

The Censure Option

The other possibility is that Congress will allow the President to stay in office but vote to censure or otherwise sanction him. This is the course the White House is pursuing,


realizing that Mr. Clinton has no chance of getting off scot-free.

But a public rebuke with no further consequences seems insufficient to many lawmakers, including some who would like Mr. Clinton to remain in office. And many authorities believe that under the Constitution, Congress cannot fine the President or sanction him in any other way that would bite short of removing him from office (although the President could presumably agree to a fine or some other punishment in what would amount to a plea bargain).

And there is another problem with a censure. If Democrats regained control of Congress, they could always reverse the sanction. That happened once before. In 1834, the Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson. Three years later, politics had changed, and the censure was rescinded.

Whatever happens, it seems likely to take a while. Many Americans, the opinion polls show, are sick of this scandal and would like it just to go away. But Congress is already out on a limb.

As unpleasant as the choices may seem, just going away is not an alternative.



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The Nation

Forget Prisons. Americans Cry Out For the Pillory.

By PAM BELLUCK

CHICAGO
"I AM ashamed," wrote Fanny Burney, the English novelist, in 1778, "of confessing that I have nothing to confess."

If she were alive today, she might have put her talents to use as a speech writer or maybe a deposition coach for President Clinton, so perfect was her grasp of the convoluting concept of shame.

Shaming people in public has always been a tantalizing idea to Americans — punishing wrongdoers by making them hang their heads before their community. But a few years ago, there was a new burst of interest in shaming.

Judges began to order thieves to wear sandwich boards and walk outside the stores they had stolen from. And the courts ordered people convicted of assault or child molestation to put signs in their yards announcing their transgressions.

Now, President Clinton's opera of embarrassment has brought public shaming to a new high. More than ever, it appears, people are in the mood for good old red-faced humiliation. These days, you can get shamed on television, on the World Wide Web, on the bumper sticker of your car.

In June, "Forgive or Forget," a nationally syndicated TV show, premiered, featuring people wringing out their guilt and begging for forgiveness. A woman is ashamed that she let her boyfriend think he was the father of her baby. A man is sorry he lost touch with his daughter for years. A woman blames herself for getting her sister addicted to drugs.

They apologize, they confess, they grovel. And then, at the prompting of the host, a woman named Mother Love, they stand before a door on stage and nervously open it. If their victim is on the other side, they kiss and make up. If no one is there, the guilty one is left to dissolve in tearful desperation before the camera.

A Scarlet Letter

Then there is the Scarlet Letter ethic. This summer, a judge in Massachusetts said chronic drunk drivers could be ordered to put bright orange bumper stickers on their cars announcing their problem and urging other drivers to report "erratic driving" to the police.

In Minneapolis, the police department has organized "shaming details," in which people arrested for soliciting prostitution and other street crimes are hauled in front of community members waiting at the precinct house. As the accused stand before them handcuffed, the citizens let loose with a kind of verbal stoning.

They scold, saying things like, "You're the reason our children aren't safe in this neighborhood," said Lieut. Marie Przyski, who started the shaming program in the police precinct she commands. Afterward, the accused are released, but the arrests stay on their records and their names and license plate numbers are given to neighborhood leaders.

"The community loves it," Lieutenant Przyski said.

Last year, Kansas City, Mo., started "John TV," in which the names, mug shots, birth dates and hometowns of men

arrested for trying to buy sex, and women arrested for trying to sell, are broadcast on the municipal cable channel. Mug shots of such dignitaries as a fire department captain and a former Federal prosecutor have been shown, said Teresa Loar, the city councilwoman who sponsored the legislation that created "John TV." Thanks to popular demand, she said, the show is now run four times each Wednesday, up from once when it started.

Humiliating the Shumlords

Its popularity has inspired another show, "Shumlord of the Month." The shumlord theme is big from Syracuse, which last year began posting "Shum Property" signs in front of decrepit buildings, to Des Moines, where officials recently decided to publish the names of the owners of the city's worst properties.

With all this energy invested in humiliation, does it work? Nobody really knows yet, experts say. In Kansas City, Sgt. Jim Connelly, supervisor of the police department's vice unit, said the success of "John TV" was hard to measure. The recidivism rate has not changed, he said, but some men seem to be more cautious about whom they pick up, fearing that the women may be undercover officers. "It's not a cure-all," he said. "I wish it was."

And was the decision of a woman in Eau Claire, Wis., a positive result or a negative one? Convicted of welfare fraud, she chose to go to jail rather than suffer the embarrassment of wearing a sign that said, "I stole food from poor people."

Dan Kahan, a professor at the University of Chicago Law School, thinks shaming is generally a good idea because it provides an inexpensive and morally satisfying alternative to imprisonment. "Fines and community service don't strike people as appropriate," he said. "They don't seem to be serious enough to fit the crime, and community service seems uplifting rather than downgrading." Some critics object to shaming because it can also humiliate innocent family members who live in the house with the sign outside or drive the car with the bumper sticker on it.

June Tangney, a professor of psychology at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., says shaming may make society feel good, but it is unlikely to succeed at changing the behavior of the person being humiliated, especially since those people are used to flouting society's rules.

"Feelings of shame can actually have some pretty unintended negative consequences," said Professor Tangney, who has studied shame among people who have made non-criminal mistakes.

The Parrot Test

"When people feel shamed or humiliated, they're likely to want to hide and likely to avoid taking responsibility," she said. "If we are holding the person up to public humiliation, the offender's focus then is on themselves and how they're being badly treated, rather than a focus on the behavior and the consequences of the behavior."

Will Rogers may have had the best advice.

"Live in such a way," he said, "that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."



Haitians removing sand that was dumped on their village by Hurricane Georges last week. The storm killed more than 100 islanders.

Panic Stations

The Fine Art of Hurricane Hype

By WILLIAM K. STEVENS

IN the days before Hurricane Georges struck the Gulf Coast last week, storm forecasters faced one of their most trying responsibilities: predicting the inherently uncertain behavior of a hurricane in time to move people out of harm's way.

The basic problem is that even though experts have improved their ability to forecast the track of a hurricane by 30 or 40 percent in the last decade or so, the predictions are still off, on average, by about 200 miles 72 hours before the storm's expected landfall. In extreme cases, it takes 72 hours to carry out a mass evacuation. Even 12 hours ahead, the error is still 40 to 50 miles.

When it comes to predicting the intensity of a storm when it reaches land, forecasters admit they have even less skill. And they have almost none in forecasting how large an area the hurricane will affect once it comes ashore. "We're back in the dark ages relative to that," said Jerry Jarrell, the director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "I'm not sure anyone knows where to begin to attack that problem."

So what do forecasters do?

"The cardinal rule is that you can't afford to get people killed because you're underprepared," Mr. Jarrell said as the center began to wind down from its encounter with Georges late last week. "So you have to overprepare. It's just that simple."

That means erring on the side of caution and issuing hurricane watches for areas where the odds of the storm striking may be low. But this carries a risk of its own. "If you overprepare too much," said Mr. Jarrell, "you're going to have a public that doesn't believe you."

After Georges ripped through the Caribbean, killing more than 300 people and leaving more than 150,000 homeless, it forced 30,000 to flee the Florida Keys and prompted the authorities to urge or order some 1.5 million people to evacuate Louisiana alone.

Thousands more were told to leave coastal areas of Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida panhandle. But clearly not everyone fled. In fact, more people stayed in the Keys than left.

The use and misuse of predictions in many fields is a topic only now receiving attention from scientists, and uncertainty haunts almost all attempts to predict natural phenomena. The atmosphere presents a particularly tough problem because its fluid behavior is so chaotic and unpredictable.

With hurricanes, "There is always error in the forecast, and always will be," said Dr. Jerry Mahlman, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at Princeton University. "The trick is to pound the error down."

When it comes to storms, it's better to cry wolf than take chances, sometimes.

Dr. Mahlman's laboratory has played a major role in reducing the margin of error. Its global computer model of hurricane behavior, in operation since 1995, is largely responsible for the recent improvement in forecasting hurricane tracks. It is now the official lead prediction model — first among a group of models — used both by the National Hurricane Center and the Navy. Thirty-six hours before Georges hit land, the center correctly predicted that the storm would cut to the northeast of New Orleans.

As coastal development along the Gulf and the Atlantic has blossomed in the last

few decades, expanding populations have made evacuation an increasingly time-consuming and disruptive exercise. But it isn't simply a matter of inconvenience. Estimates have put the cost of evacuating a hurricane-prone stretch of built-up coastline at hundreds of thousands of dollars a mile or more.

A false alarm, then, is not to be shrugged off, nor is the burden it puts on forecasters. "These folks in the hurricane center are under incredible pressures and I think they do marvelously well in the face of those pressures," Dr. Mahlman said.

The Hurricane Center errs on the side of safety in two ways when it issues hurricane warnings, Mr. Jarrell said. First, it expands the area that it expects will actually experience hurricane-force winds. "We know we're overwarning probably by a factor of two," he said. This, he said, is an attempt to issue an honest forecast while at the same time "telling people how to allow for error."

The second way of building in a margin of safety, he said, is to encourage local officials and other disaster managers to make their preparations as if the hurricane will be one category stronger than the forecast specifies. Hurricane intensity is rated in categories from 1 to 5, with 5 the strongest.

Sometimes, Mr. Jarrell acknowledged, the caution does seem to be excessive in retrospect. He also acknowledged the risk that if this happens too much, people will not accept the forecasts in the future. But the exercise is a tradeoff between that risk and the need for people to respond to the threat of immediate danger. "I guess you hope their memory's not that long," he said.

In the end, Mr. Jarrell said, the greatest value of improved hurricane forecasts may be that bigger stretches of coastline can now be eliminated from concern when warnings are issued. "We are expanding the number of people who don't have to worry," he said.



For Senators, That Was Real Brass

By ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON
GEN. HENRY H. SHELTON is a good soldier. But smart salutes and muddy boots don't always take the hill, especially when it's Capitol Hill.

Last week, General Shelton and the other Joint Chiefs of Staff unexpectedly caught heavy fire from Senate Republicans, who berated the military's top brass for the sin of not speaking up sooner and louder about problems the officers say are eroding the Pentagon's ability to fight wars.

"You were not candid to this member in the problems and challenges that we faced," snapped Senator John McCain, an Arizona Republican and decorated Navy pilot who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

At first, the chiefs took a defensive crouch to wait out the volleys. But when Senators still attacked their integrity, the four-stars hauled out their heavy artillery, and took aim at pet projects of Congress that the Pentagon doesn't want, and at unnecessary bases that lawmakers refuse to close.

Bureaucratic disputes that generals and senators usually hash out in private suddenly got a very public airing. "I am very concerned of the implication that the gentlemen at this table aren't being forthright and truthful," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, the Air Force Chief of Staff.

The tongue-lashing from the Armed Services Committee was even more startling because Republicans have long been the Pentagon's most ardent supporters. "This is a committee that is an advocate for the United States military, no ifs, ands or buts," said Senator Dirk Kempthorne, Republican of Idaho.

So what prompted Republicans to turn their guns on trusted allies?

For one thing, this is an election year, and Republicans have sought to portray the Clinton Administration as weak on

defense, saying it is burdening the military with too many foreign missions while shortchanging the Pentagon's budget.

Republicans have also pointed to troubling signs of pilot shortages, aging equipment and training cuts for some time now. But those complaints lacked bite, because the chiefs had said the situation was tight but manageable. That is, until last week, when they complained in public before the Senators. Taken aback, the Republicans were angry at the generals for not giving them an earlier opportunity to beat up on the White House over a juicy campaign issue.

More broadly, conservatives felt the chiefs had violated an unspoken pact to side with them publicly on crucial issues, even if it means crossing the President, their Commander in Chief.

There's Fighting, and There's Infighting

Take the case of Gen. Colin L. Powell, General Shelton's most famous predecessor, who looked like a soldier but was also a black-belt political fighter. General Powell even punched his ticket at the White House with a brief stint as national security adviser to President Ronald Reagan. General Powell's strong opposition to Mr. Clinton's plan in 1993 to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces was music to Republican ears.

By contrast, General Shelton, a commando with scant experience in the political minefields of Washington, has irked Republicans on other fronts. The chiefs have refused to endorse a Republican plan to build a system to defend the country against long-range missile strikes as soon as the technology is ready. General Shelton says the threat does not yet warrant constructing such a system.

To be sure, Republicans and the military have crossed swords before, only to make up, as most people believe they will this time. But that doesn't stop many Republicans from pining for the good old days with General Powell.

The World

In Mexico, Changing Times Mean Changing History

By SAM DILLON

THIRTY years ago, soldiers and policemen crushed Mexico's first major pro-democracy movement with a massacre of demonstrators that is often likened here to the Tiananmen Square massacre in China. Ever since, successive authoritarian governments have stuck to an official history that blames the middle-class demonstrators, the principal victims, for the violence.

In the face of that official line, relatives of the victims for years commemorated the events of Oct. 2, 1968 by holding candles at Tlatelolco Plaza, the massacre site, and mourning their loved ones in timid silence, almost furtively.

But this year was different, because the student demonstrators of 1968 are now in their 50's, and a number of them last year helped wrest control of Congress and the city government from the authoritarian party that has governed for seven decades.

So this year, the anniversary was declared an official day of mourning, with the demonstrators who died honored as revolutionary heroes.

"This is a triumph of free expression over authoritarianism, of the Mexican people's version of history over the Government's version," said Carlos Monsivais, a prominent intellectual.

It is also the most dramatic example of a historical revisionism that can be expected to accompany the effective collapse of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, as Mexico's single effective party.

Countries all across Latin America, passing from dictatorship to democracy, have seen similar quests for historical truth about abuses under previous regimes. Argentina and Chile, notably, have set up "truth

commissions" to help victims come to terms with their suffering, even though their fragile democracies cannot bring to justice the generals and others who ordered the atrocities.

Mexico is a bit different, because abuses like Tlatelolco occurred under a constitutional regime, however authoritarian, rather than a dictatorship. And the search for truth has begun while the transition to full democracy is still incomplete: Mexico's executive branch remains in PRI hands.

If and when the opposition finally wins the presidency, the clamor will doubtless increase to expose other secrets, about other massacres or election fraud, for example. Still, enough has emerged to give a clear hint of how different Mexican history may one day appear to Mexicans.

The 1968 movement, which began among students, had spread to the middle class when, on Oct. 2, thousands of demonstrators were surrounded by security forces who opened fire from tanks and helicopters. Rivers of blood soon ran in the plaza, and 2,000 demonstrators were beaten and jailed.

Recent disclosures show that President Gustavo Díaz Ordaz orchestrated the bloodshed because he feared embarrassment by protests when Mexico City hosted the Olympics that month. His Government also went to great lengths to conceal his part.

The official story also said that students, supposedly inflamed by foreign agitators, fired on the army.

Squelching the Press

In diplomatic cables at the time, American embassy officials estimated that at least 200 people had been killed. Mexico's Government said only 27 died.

Now, six books on Tlatelolco are scheduled for publication this year. One, by Sergio Aguayo, details how successive governments pressured opinion makers and



Mexico City officials lowered flags to half staff to honor those killed in 1968. Federal officials didn't.

public servants to repeat the official line. The police, for example, closed one magazine that defied the Government in 1968, and several Mexican diplomats were fired for voicing doubts in private about the official story.

New Facts Emerge

For years, the only serious alternative version of events came from a collection of interviews with survivors, "The Night of Tlatelolco" (Ediciones Era), which the author, Elena Poniatowska, could not get published until Mr. Díaz left office in 1970.

But this year, university researchers and investigative reporters were able to sift through government archives, and found a 1968 letter that demonstrates how some publishers parroted the Government line voluntarily. In it, the obsequious publisher of a Mexico City daily, El Heraldo, writes to President Díaz: "No one has ever been able to say that I have not acted with open partiality toward your Government."

Other countries cooperated too. Washington never publicly expressed concern. And recently declassified American documents collected by the private, Washington-based National Security Archives included an F.B.I. report arguing that a Trotskyist "shock group" had fired on troops at Tlatelolco. That was an absurd claim; the "shock group" was a plainclothes army unit.

The research here became possible after opposition leaders forced the declassification of thousands of documents. But the Government is still stonewalling on Defense Ministry records and footage of the massacre.

"The complete truth is still out of reach, because the powers of the opposition are limited," said Gustavo Espinosa Plata, who in 1968 witnessed the atrocities and now presides over a congressional investigating committee. "We'll wait until we take control of the entire Government. Then we'll really lay bare the system."

Surviving Memory

Armenia Never Forgets. Maybe It Should.

By STEPHEN KINZER

FEW peoples in the world have had as turbulent a past, or are as passionately attached to it, as the Armenians. Many of them believe they are alive today only because of their ancestors' near-fanatical insistence on preserving the ideas of the Armenian nation, church and language.

History lends credence to this view. Armenians are from a region that has been successively dominated by great empires, among them the Mongol, Persian, Russian and Ottoman. They fiercely resisted assimilation, and were repeatedly called upon to defend themselves and their traditions. Often they were defeated at terrible cost.

The great dream of generations of Armenians came true in 1991 when their land emerged from the wreckage of the Soviet Union as an independent state. As they savor their triumph, however, modern Armenians face a deep psychological challenge, one perhaps no less difficult than those posed by past enemies. The same ethnocentric nationalism that has allowed their nation to survive so long and triumph against such powerful odds is now out of fashion in the world. By clinging to it, the Armenians set themselves apart from the Europe they so much want to join.

Memory of past outrages, especially the massacres perpetrated by Ottoman troops in 1915 as they chased Armenians out of ancestral homelands in eastern Anatolia, forms a prism through which many Armenians view the modern world. It makes them, like the Israelis, defiantly unwilling to compromise on issues they consider vital to their survival.

One such issue is the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, which the world recognizes as part of neighboring Azerbaijan but which has been in the hands of its ethnic Armenian residents since 1994. Foreign diplomats assigned to help resolve the conflict want the enclave back under Azerbaijani control with as much autonomy as possible. But when President Levon Ter-Petrossian seemed ready to consider that formula earlier this year, he was promptly deposed in what amounted to a military coup.

To give back even an inch of "liberated" land, many Armenians believe, would be tantamount to inviting a new slaughter. Their reading of history has taught them that the promises of outsiders are unreliable, that no one will rescue them in their hour of need, and that only they themselves can judge what their security requires.

An Ethnic Homeland

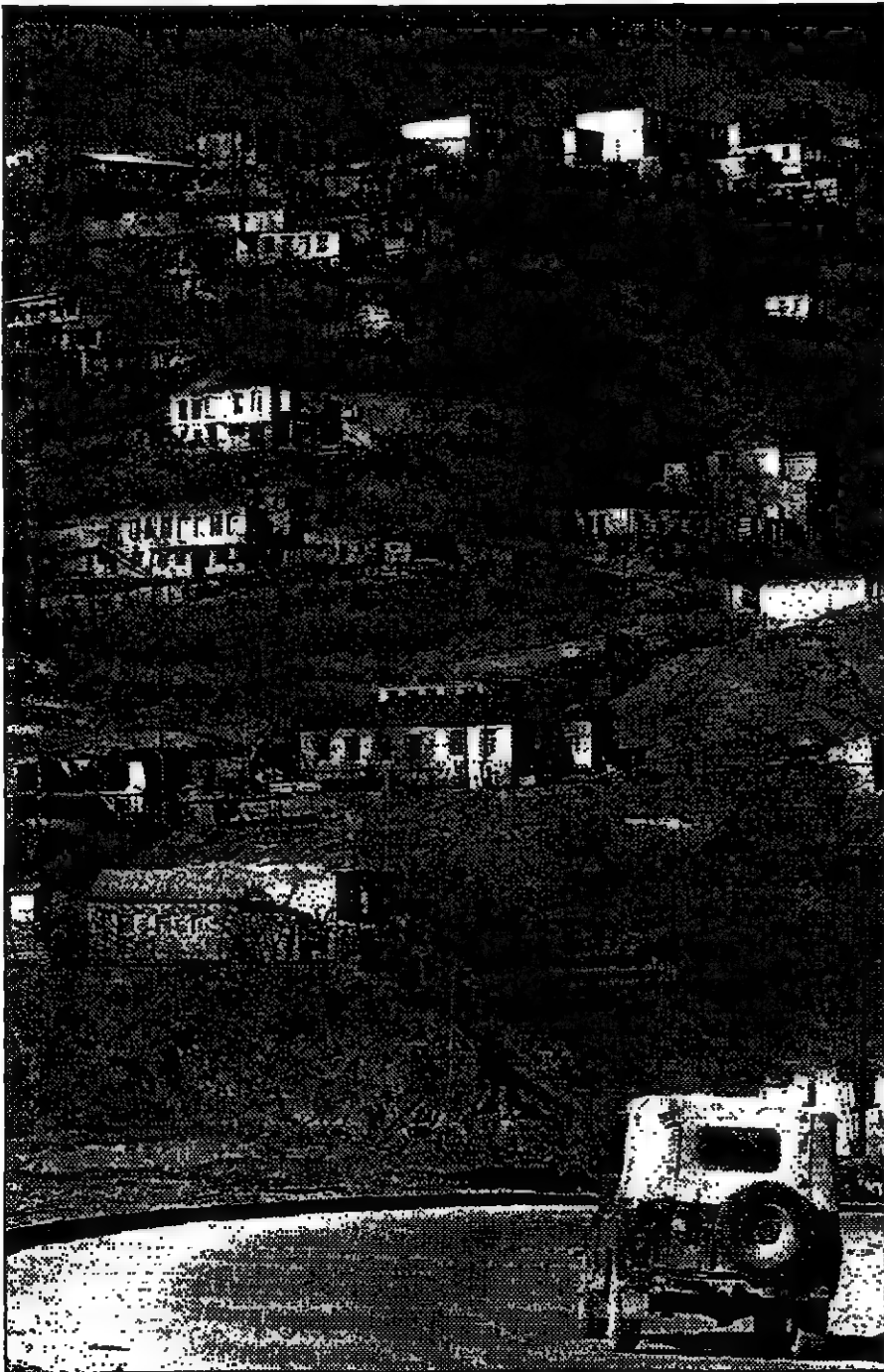
"Nagorno-Karabakh is an ethnic homeland," said Karen Mirzoyan, who heads the enclave's office in Yerevan, the Armenian capital. "It is quite unrealistic to think that we would subject ourselves to rule by Azerbaijan."

Countries that dream of joining the European Union are supposed to renounce the idea of ethnic homelands and forego claims on land where their brethren live. Hungary's painful decision to renounce all claims on ethnically Hungarian regions of nearby countries, for example, paved the way for its invitation to join the Union. Here in Armenia, however, not even the prospect of membership would sway most people from the patriotic fervor that has sustained them over millennia.

In some European countries, it is considered highly insulting to accuse a poli-



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Armenia's future is clouded by preoccupation with a history of conflict, most recently over the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. At bottom, a military vehicle travels a new road connecting Armenia with the enclave. At top, men huddle around a stove in 1996 in a village where few could find work.

tician of "national thinking." This is linked with patterns of thought that have plunged the continent into countless wars. But in Armenia, national thinking is the dominant and almost all-inclusive ideology.

"Political leaders here are very careful to use the word 'national,'" said Mikael Danielyan, a human rights advocate. "The Armenian mentality does not accept any ideas that it considers anti-national."

Although there are nearly 50 political parties in Armenia, none challenges the prevailing nationalist dogma. To do so, many Armenians believe, would be to expose their nation to mortal dangers.

The nature of those dangers is on vivid display at the Genocide Museum here in the Armenian capital. Walls of the museum, which commemorates those who were killed in 1915, are covered with gruesome photographs that show starving, executed and beheaded Armenians.

A Heavy Weight

Whether they live here or abroad, many Armenians feel fated to carry one of history's heaviest burdens. Only a few groan under its weight.

"The main problem for Armenia is that we are very much concentrated on our past," said Michael Hambardzumyan, 22, a recent university graduate who is working to build a network of young people in the Caucasus that will press for regional cooperation.

"Talk to an Armenian about Armenia, and you'll hear about the past," Mr. Hambardzumyan said. "We were the first nation to accept Christianity, we had an empire that touched three seas, we had monarchs who were related to Egyptian monarchs and European monarchs, we were the first nation to translate the Bible. Always 'we were,' 'we had.' The Armenian cares very much for the past and what we had, but not so much about what we have and want to have, and how we can reach that."

"Our history is presented to us as war, pain, killing, robbery," he added. "We have only had 500 or 700 years of peace in 4,500 years of history. We learn this in school. We learn 2,500 dates of struggles, killings and betrayals. Maybe 10 or 20 or 30 of them speak about something positive. It is very heavy. It oppresses your psyche and mentality."

Blood and Fate In the Balkans

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was nothing that could justify this incendiary language. Its thrust, however, served Mr. Milosevic's unwavering purpose: to couch an aggressive Serbian project in defensive terms. For imagined war, imagined genocide that the majority of a nation becomes convinced is real may in time come to inspire real war, real genocide. So it proved in Bosnia, during the Serb rampage of 1992, and so it seems today in devastated Kosovo villages like Donji Ogrinje.

Indeed, throughout the wars of Yugoslavia's destruction, "genocide" has been the most overused word in the Serbian vocabulary, a free pass allowing the eternal Serb victim to kill with an obstinate blindness.

In 1993, responding to international trade sanctions on Serbia, Mr. Milosevic asked with what right Western countries had "turned 12 million inhabitants of Europe into a test site for the application of what is, I hope, the last genocide of this century."

In the same year, Biljana Plavsic, the deputy leader of the Bosnian Serbs and later a most unlikely standard-bearer of the Dayton peace agreement, accused Bosnia's Muslims of pursuing a form of "sexual terror" against the Serbs that was "genocidal in character." Ms. Plavsic justified this phrase by referring to the Islamic practice of polygamy and to the "right to the first night" that she said was enjoyed by Muslim notables with Christian women under the Ottoman Turks; her comments recalled the accusations of "demographic genocide" long leveled in Belgrade against the Kosovo Albanians.

Summoning Stereotypes

The purpose of such language was always clear enough: to use the high birth rate of the Kosovo Albanians and, to a lesser extent, the Bosnian Muslims to summon forth every stereotype of the lusty Turk.

In the same way, if with more justification, Mr. Milosevic's propaganda machine relentlessly used images from the real Croatian genocide against the Serbs during World War II to portray every contemporary Croat as a latter-day Fascist ready to throw Serbs into a concentration camp.

Mr. Milosevic has had a consistent purpose: to use the darkest Balkan ghosts to inspire the fear (and fear's other face, crazed violence) on which he has thrived.

Western governments have seemed ready to play a similar game as reason for throwing up their hands. As Mr. Clinton said in 1994, "In this case, the truth is, people there keep killing each other."

It is true that there is a particular intensity to slaughter in the Balkans, as the mutilated bodies in Kosovo underscore. The desire to eliminate all trace of "the other" in a land of long-shifting borders, the fratricidal aspect of much of the killing among the south Slavs, the frenzied attempts to draw ethnic lines through a reality of miscegenation, the old reflexes of a crusade against the infidel, the Ottoman habits of ostentatious execution to discourage new offenses, the intensifying cycles of myth and revenge as the Balkan gyre turns — all this, no doubt, plays a part.

But there is nothing inevitable about what is happening in the Balkans. It has its causes. They lie not in some faraway history, nor in some genetic readiness to kill.

The issue today, as a decade ago, is the way Mr. Milosevic has cynically used the tragic 73-year history of Yugoslavia — particularly the wave upon wave of intra-Yugoslav killing during World War II — to revive terror and consolidate his power while unleashing new waves of destruction. He has been abetted, notably by President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, but his responsibility appears clear.

Rather than confront this fact, with its uncomfortable corollary that peace in the Balkans depends on Mr. Milosevic being defeated, the West has repeatedly blurred responsibility: It invited Mr. Milosevic to the London peace conference of 1992 after the archipelago of Serb concentration camps in Bosnia had been uncovered; it opted for his extraordinary de facto rehabilitation in order to conclude the Dayton agreement in 1995, and finally it engaged him as an interlocutor on Kosovo.

On Dec. 16, 1992, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, then Secretary of State, talked of the "political and command responsibility" for crimes in Bosnia, and named Mr. Milosevic as a potential war criminal. There was no follow-up.

Once again, in Kosovo, the readiness of Mr. Milosevic to resort to an extraordinarily heartless violence seems clear. Many in Western chancelleries would still be inclined to respond, "This is the Balkans, you know."

However, the fact remains that, through a decade of Balkan violence, the one Western act that demonstrably contributed to peace — albeit the deeply flawed peace in Bosnia — was the concerted NATO bombing of Serb positions in Bosnia in August and September 1995.

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A First Ripple of Tighter Credit Reaches U.S. Shores

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

THE United States is starting to feel the effects of a lending pullback.

The pinch, still quite mild, is almost entirely on businesses for now, and not on consumers. Commercial banks, investment firms, Japanese banks that lend in America, and the millions of people who buy corporate bonds are all becoming a bit more tightfisted — demanding slightly higher interest rates, and sometimes refusing to lend as much as before.

This caution was already taking hold before some of the world's biggest banks suddenly lost money in Russia over the summer. The Russian debacle appears to have strengthened the resolve to filter out potential deadbeats — particularly abroad, but also in the United States. The near-collapse of Long-Term Capital Management, the high-flying hedge fund, has only added to the nervousness. And the Federal Reserve's quarter-point rate cut on Tuesday has not relieved the concern.

"You have a bunch of lenders who suddenly have a lump of assets on their balance sheets" — like loans to hedge funds and in emerging markets — "whose value is not clear," said Albert Wajsbower, a senior economic adviser to the Clinton Group, a Wall Street investment firm. "So the order goes out, 'Make sure that everything is right, and don't take on anything more that might be questionable.'"

The incipient caution by itself has not noticeably slowed the national economy. But that could happen, economists say, if the rising cost of financing prompts companies to cut back their operations, or if lenders eventually restrict the credit that consumers still obtain so freely today — credit that sustains the economy in the process.

The L.B.M.'s of America, as well as mid-

sized companies with similarly solid credit ratings, seem unaffected. Chase Manhattan Bank says its middle-market borrowers, mainly family-owned companies with annual sales up to \$500 million, are getting their loans as readily and at the same interest rates as last year. "The window for them is wide open," said Frank Lourenco, a Chase vice president in charge of this lending.

The Federal Reserve has a different impression. In a survey of bank loan officers released last week, the Fed reported "a fairly widespread tightening of standards and terms for commercial and industrial

of the bank.

All this can hardly be characterized, though, as a reprise of the credit crunch of the early 1990's, when huge portfolios of bad debts — arising from borrowers who defaulted — left many banks without sufficient funds to lend freely. There is no such burden today. The new lending caution stems instead from growing concern that America's economy cannot escape the impact of the financial crisis that began in Asia.

Whatever its origins, a lending pullback in the United States eventually becomes a cause of slower economic growth, particularly if consumer loans are affected. For the moment, they are not. Quite the contrary, consumers are likely to benefit from the Fed's decision to cut short-term rates by a quarter of a percentage point, a reduction that is likely to show up as lower rates for credit card debt and home equity loans, but for few commercial loans.

ACUT in the banking industry's prime rate last week, to 8.25 percent from 8.5 percent, also benefits consumers more than companies. The American consumer, in fact, may be the last to be hurt by a slowing economy.

"The chain of events, already under way, started with trade," said John Lipsky, chief economist at Chase Manhattan Bank. Exports have been falling. Corporate profits are rising more slowly. And capital spending — investment in new machinery and buildings — has begun to slow, in part because financing costs are being raised. "All of this eventually slows hiring," Mr. Lipsky said. "That means less income, less borrowing and less consumer spending."

Right now, credit flows freely to consumers but has begun to slow to some commercial ventures. Office buildings and warehouses, for example, remain profitable operations today, says Dennis Yeskey, a manag-

ing director of real estate services at Deloitte & Touche. But mortgage interest rates on commercial buildings have risen, and the amounts lent have been cut back — in part because these loans are now harder to resell and in part, Mr. Yeskey said, because "the value of this real estate has fallen."

"Until the last two months, you could get 15- to 20-year mortgages below 7 percent," he said. Now the loans are 10 percent smaller, and the rates "have moved back up a tad above 7 percent for an average property."

Something similar is happening to many corporate loans. For hundreds of thousands of small companies, those employing 500 or fewer people, the average rate on loans of a year's duration or less rose slightly, to 10.2 percent in August and perhaps a bit higher in September, from 10 percent or less earlier in the year, according to the National Federation of Independent Business.

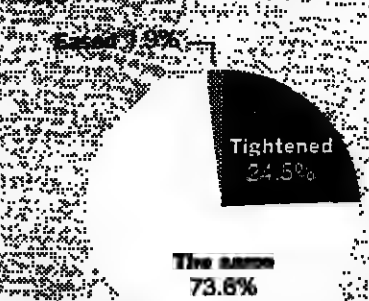
Two other factors are also pushing up interest rates for corporate lending, said James Davis, president of the Loan Pricing Corporation, which tracks such trends. Because of Asia and Russia, many organizations and people who normally buy corporate bonds have shifted to Treasury securities, which they consider safer. The shift drives up interest rates on the corporate side while driving them down for Treasuries; the spread between the two is wider than at any time in this decade.

In addition, Japanese banks that lent in the United States have pulled back lately because of their troubles at home. That, too, has reduced the supply of money for American companies, helping to push up rates — just as the Federal Reserve is trying to push them down.

"The Fed is pulling in one direction," Mr. Davis said, "and the lenders are saying, 'We want a better return because we are willing to make loans at a time when there are fewer lenders than in the recent past.'"

Signs of Tightening

Percentage of banks reporting in mid-September that, compared with a month earlier, they decreased standards for commercial loans.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, based on a survey of 100 banks.

No Room To Breathe For Banks

By GRETCHEN MORGENSON

DURING a rough patch for stocks in general last week, financial shares in particular took a beating. Though bank and brokerage stocks rallied Friday with the overall market, most of these shares remain near their lows for the year.

Investors may be tempted to think that recent market turmoil makes bargains out of the financials. After all, Bankers Trust is trading at 1.1 times its book value, down from the 2.4 multiple it fetched just five months ago. Merrill Lynch trades at 1.73 times its book value, down from a multiple of 4 in July.

Does Friday's rally mean that the rout in these shares is over? Bank stocks may have jumped on hopes that Brazil's financial woes would be stanchied by an international bailout. Investors also seem to think that another interest-rate cut is in the offing.

But optimism on both of these matters is not enough to argue for a stampede into international financial services shares. There are solid reasons to hold off from bottom-fishing in the group right now.

One is the not-unreasonable fear that other bombs from the hedge fund world might soon drop on the big international banks and brokerage firms that do business with these risk-takers. UBS, the world's second-largest bank, said on Friday that its chairman, Mathis Cabiellavetta, and three top executives had resigned in the wake of the bank's taking a \$696 million charge as a result of its investment in Long-Term Capital Management. The bank said the resignations came after internal auditors found "shortcomings in risk-management processes."

Even if Long-Term Capital's near-collapse is the last fund disaster, the heavy exposure that banks and brokers have to the fund does not give investors confidence that effective risk controls are in place at financial firms. The announcement from UBS confirms that.

Douglas R. Cliggott, head of United States equity market strategy at J. P. Morgan Securities in New York, is wary of financial services stocks for other reasons. "To have confidence to move back into the group, we'd want to see actual stability — as opposed to the hope of stability — in emerging economies, a movement toward a more positive yield curve and some cost-reductions at banks and brokers," he said.

The yield curve is a big factor here. Even though the Federal Reserve cut interest rates by one-quarter of a point last week, longer-term rates are still well below the Federal funds rate of 5 percent. The 2-year Treasury note closed at a yield of 4.16 percent on Friday and the 10-year at 4.28 percent.

When long-term interest rates fall below the short-term variety, profit margins at banks get squeezed. That's because banks are unable to make as much money in their long-term loans as they can when shorter rates are lower. So as long as the yield curve remains flat, as it is today, banks' profitability will be pinched.

How financial stocks fare is significant because, as Mr. Cliggott points out, the fortunes of these companies are inextricably linked to the performance of the entire stock market. Financial companies account for almost 17 percent of the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, one of its larger components. Indeed, financial stocks have led the overall market up and down in each of the last eight years. Recent weakness in these shares has contributed to stock market malaise.

"Financial stocks are a wonderful microcosm of the economy," Mr. Cliggott said. As a result, until they recover, the overall market might not. For this reason, Mr. Cliggott sees the market remaining in a trading range of 950 to 1,050 on the S&P 500. For how long? "Until we get some confidence about earnings," he said.

Bursting in Air

Investing strategies that were certified as safe by big banks and institutional investors' risk-management models have blown up again and again in recent years, detonated by events like these.

1994	A REVERSAL IN FED POLICY
THE ASSUMPTION	Interest rates were on a predictable, even predictable, downward path.
THE SURPRISE	The Federal Reserve unexpectedly began raising short-term rates in June. Longer rates followed. Bond prices plunged.
1994	A CURRENCY MELTDOWN
THE ASSUMPTION	The Japanese yen would hold its value as a gradual decline in value against the dollar materialized.
THE SURPRISE	A sudden 15 percent devaluation in December hammered currency traders and currency-market investors.
1997	ANOTHER CURRENCY MELTDOWN
THE ASSUMPTION	Asian-style capitalism could sustain high growth and support precarious banks indefinitely.
THE SURPRISE	Thailand gave up trying to defend the baht on July 2, setting off a chain reaction that wrecked Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea and sent stock prices plummeting worldwide.
1998	YET ANOTHER CURRENCY MELTDOWN
THE ASSUMPTION	Russia would not be allowed by Western governments to collapse the way the Asian countries had.
THE SURPRISE	Russia's currency devalued 16 percent last week, triggering the much-anticipated crash in Asian stocks and currency.
1998	YIELDS BREAK THROUGH LOCKSTEP
THE ASSUMPTION	Yields on government, corporate bonds and Treasury notes would always move in tandem.
THE SURPRISE	A global flight to safety by investors seeking Treasury yields down sharply while prices for high-yielding assets like Long-Term Capital Management's highly leveraged bonds in the other direction sent banking and stock prices sagging.

When Economic Bombs Drop, Risk Models Fail

By TIMOTHY L. O'BRIEN

"When we examine banks, we expect them to have systems in place that take account of outsized market moves."

— Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, in Congressional testimony on Thursday

EVER play blackjack at your local casino?

Then the name Edward O. Thorp might be familiar. Mr. Thorp introduced blackjack fans to counting cards in his 1962 best seller "Beat the Dealer," which gave gamblers an invaluable tool for trying to beat the house.

Ever wonder where hedge funds come from?

An accomplished mathematician, Mr. Thorp started one of the first and most successful hedge funds, now called Edward O. Thorp & Associates, in 1969. And he has few kind words for the Wall Street professionals and Nobel laureates who helped bring Long-Term Capital Management, the giant hedge fund in Greenwich, Conn., to its knees. Mr. Thorp said he was invited to invest in Long-Term Capital when it was started in 1994, but he declined.

"I didn't want to have anything to do with it because I knew these guys were just dice-rollers," he said. "I didn't really see where these guys had an advantage they could exploit."

Many people on Wall Street clearly thought otherwise. Over the last four years, Long-Term Capital attracted money from some of the world's savviest investors, and made a lot of money for them during most of that period — the salad days of the 1990's bull market. But hedge funds are supposed to perform well even when markets hit rough patches, as they have lately. And it is not clear whether the firm's fans had ever scrutinized Long-Term Capital's investment strategy with hard times in mind.

"It was just a mutual admiration society at Long-Term," Mr. Thorp said, "and nobody was focusing closely enough on the model."

Aha. The model. Nowhere, except perhaps within the walls of the Pentagon, the White House's Situation Room or the National Weather Service, does "the model" hold as much sway as it does on Wall Street.

Some of the most profitable trading on Wall Street, especially within hedge funds, involves complex, innovative products known as derivatives. Derivatives are financial hybrids born in the guts of a computer and intended to protect users from disadvantageous economic shifts like currency devaluations or interest-rate increases. In short, each derivative, its value "derived" from an underlying asset like a stock, bond or currency, is a little model.

And financial models are only as good as their makers.

"The issue of relying on computer models to do risk analysis is something we need to look at seriously," said Charles Peabody, a banking analyst with Mitchell Securities Inc. in New York. "They only model for whatever humans put into them. Are people putting in data that reflect the possibility of the financial equivalent of a nuclear meltdown? Usually not. And then they rely on computer models as if they're the word of God."

Wall Street's fascination with computer models began in the 1960's, when Mr. Thorp and others set up the first hedge funds. Such funds, open only to wealthy investors, used computer-aided research to uncover price discrepancies between related securities. Those discrepancies could be profitably exploited in such a way that investors had protection, or a hedge, against big losses.

In 1973, when three gifted researchers — Fischer Black, Myron S. Scholes and Robert C. Merton — introduced the first formula for

accurately pricing options, the heady quantitative world of finance took another big step forward. By correlating interest rates, prices, volatility and time, the Nobel Prize-winning Black-Scholes model tried, as would an insurance policy, to put a price tag on uncertainty. Models had arrived.

The advent of the personal computer in the 1980's gave rise to Wall Street's young "rocket scientists," schooled and confident in the predictive capacities of computer models. Next to investment banking, trading through computer models became the hippest and most lucrative thing to do on Wall Street.

Large commercial and investment banks like Bankers Trust, Citicorp, Chase Manhattan, Goldman Sachs, J. P. Morgan, Merrill Lynch and Salomon Smith Barney are among the world's most avid devotees of derivatives, and maintain in-house systems for modeling risk. But those models have often proven flawed. For example, Switzerland's UBS, Europe's largest bank, on Friday attributed its \$696 million loss in Long-Term in part to "shortcomings in risk management processes."

INDEED, a series of unexpected financial shocks — the interest rate increases of 1994, the devaluation of the Thai baht in 1997 and the Russian ruble this year and the odd movement of bond prices over the last month — have shown that models endow their users with only a modicum of control over their financial destiny.

"We keep preaching how important stress-testing is," said Leslie Rahl, a principal with Capital Markets Risk Advisers, a New York consulting firm that specializes in derivatives. "The kinds of financial problems we have had are in very subtle areas, and people aren't looking for these kinds of unusual events when they stress-test."

Long-Term Capital's reputation for savvy was considerably enhanced by the presence of Mr. Scholes and Mr. Merton, who are partners in the firm. But bankers who have belatedly examined its risk models said they were outmoded, compared with others now in vogue on Wall Street. Moreover, Long-Term Capital's model certainly did not take into account the unprecedented recent movements in the bond market.

With bond losses mounting, Long-Term Capital's partners apparently hoped to recover by speculating on takeover plays in the stock market. Of course, what Wall Street calls speculating, the rest of the world calls gambling, and most gamblers end up ruined. Still, Long-Term Capital was able to borrow mightily to make its wagers.

Analysts and some investors said the collapse of Long-Term Capital should focus attention on the shortcomings of computer forecasting — and the quality of unregulated, privately negotiated contracts — that lie at the heart of the brave new world of modern finance.

"The banking and regulatory authorities were not paying attention to the amount of leverage these guys were taking on, and they should have been," Mr. Thorp said.

In the end, Long-Term Capital's brush with ruin has provoked so much hand-wringing because the global financial system is built on a framework of mathematical models. As such, the system is fated to tremble from the strains of ever faster and more immense movements of money directed by the inexact intuitions of gamblers — just the kinds of random stresses that the models cannot predict.

When, instead of just trembling, the financial system threatens to come unglued, model or no model, mere worries turn to migraines. And fast action is demanded: monetary policy shifts, I.M.F. bailouts, or in the latest case, the Federal Reserve's roping of Wall Street's biggest houses into engineering the rescue of Long-Term Capital. Then the models can settle down again, ripe for a landslide by the next bolt from the blue.

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The Path Back To Dignity

By Gerald R. Ford

A GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. Almost exactly 25 years have passed since Richard Nixon nominated me to replace the disgraced Spiro Agnew as Vice President. In the contentious days of autumn 1973, my confirmation was by no means assured. Indeed, a small group of House Democrats, led by Bella Abzug, risked a constitutional crisis in order to pursue their own agenda. "We can get control and keep control," Ms. Abzug told the Speaker of the House, Carl Albert. The group hoped, eventually, to replace Nixon himself with Mr. Albert. The Speaker, true to form, refused to have anything to do with the scheme. And so on Dec. 6, 1973, the House voted 387 to 35 to confirm my nomination in accordance with the 25th Amendment to the Constitution.

When I succeeded to the Presidency, in August 1974, my immediate and overriding priority was to draw off the poison that had seeped into the nation's bloodstream during two years of scandal and sometimes ugly partisanship. Some Americans have yet to forgive me for pardoning my predecessor. In the days leading up to that hugely controversial action, I didn't take a poll for guidance, but I did say more than a few prayers. In the end I listened to only one voice, that of my conscience. I didn't issue the pardon for Nixon's sake, but for the country's.

A generation later, Americans once again confront the specter of impeachment. From the day, last January, when the Monica Lewinsky story first came to light, I have refrained publicly from making any substantive comments. I have done so because I haven't known enough of the facts — and because I know all too well that a President's responsibilities are, at the best of times, onerous. In common with the other former Presidents, I have had no wish to increase those burdens. Moreover, I resolved to say nothing unless my words added constructively to the national discussion.

This much now seems clear: whether or not President Clinton has broken any laws, he has broken faith with those who elected him. A leader of rare gifts, one who set out to change history by convincing the electorate that he and his party wore the mantle of individual responsibility and personal accountability, the President has since been forced to take refuge in legalistic evasions, while his defenders resort to the insulting mantra that "everybody does it."

The best evidence that everybody doesn't do it is the genuine outrage occasioned by the President's conduct and by the efforts of some White House surrogates to minimize its significance or to save his critics.

The question confronting us, then, is not whether the President has done wrong, but rather, what is an appropriate form of punishment for his wrongdoing. A simple apology is inadequate, and a fine would trivialize his misconduct by treating it as a mere question of monetary restitution.

At the same time, the President is not the only one who stands before the bar of judgment. It has been said

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that Washington is a town of marble and mud. Often in these past few months it has seemed that we were all in danger of sinking into the mire. Twenty-five years after leaving it, I still consider myself a man of the House. I never forget that my elevation to the Presidency came about

More is at stake than the President's fate.

through Congressional as well as constitutional mandate. My years in the White House were devoted to restoring public confidence in institutions of popular governance. Now as then, I care more about preserving respect for those institutions than I do about the fate of any individual temporarily entrusted with office.

This is why I think the time has come to pause and consider the long-term consequences of removing this President from office based on the evidence at hand. The President's hairsplitting legalisms, objectionable as they may be, are but the forerunner of a protracted and increasingly divisive debate over those deliberately imprecise words "high crimes and misdemeanors." The

Framers, after all, dealt in eternal truths, not glossy deceit. Moving with dispatch, the House Judiciary Committee should be able to conclude a preliminary inquiry into possible grounds for impeachment before the end of the year. Once that process is completed, and barring unexpected new revelations, the full House might then consider the following resolution to the crisis.

Each year it is customary for a President to journey down Pennsylvania Avenue and appear before a joint session of Congress to deliver his State of the Union address. One of the binding rituals of our democracy, it takes on added grandeur from its surroundings — there, in that chamber where so much of the American story has been written, and where the ghosts of Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower call succeeding generations to account.

Imagine a very different kind of Presidential appearance in the closing days of this year, not at the rostrum familiar to viewers from moments of triumph, but in the well of the House. Imagine a President receiving not an ovation from the people's representatives, but a harshly worded rebuke as rendered by members of both parties. I emphasize: this would be a rebuke, not a rebuttal by the President. On the contrary, by his appearance the President would accept full responsibility for his actions, as well as for his subsequent efforts to delay

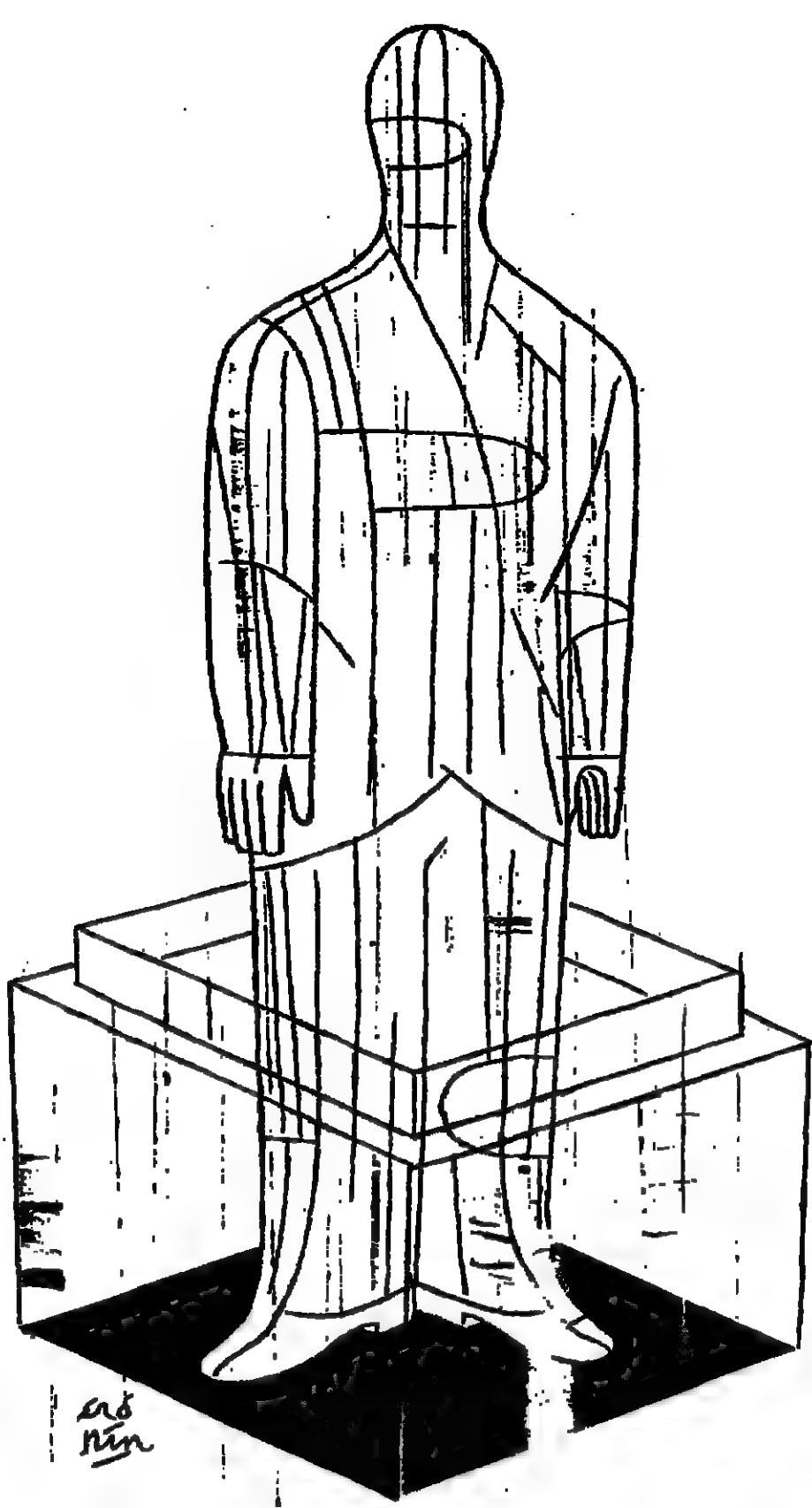
or impede the investigation of them. No spinning, no semantics, no evasiveness or blaming others for his plight.

Let all this be done without partisan exploitation or mean-spiritedness. Let it be dignified, honest and, above all, cleansing. The result, I believe, would be the first moment of majesty in an otherwise squalid year.

Anyone who confuses this scenario with a slap on the wrist, or a censure written in disappearing ink, underestimates the historic impact of such a pronouncement. Nor should anyone forget the power of television to foster indelible images in the national memory — not unlike what happened on the solemn August noon of 1974 when I stood in the East Room and declared our long national nightmare to be over.

At 85, I have no personal or political agenda, nor do I have any interest in "rescuing" Bill Clinton. But I do care, passionately, about rescuing the country I love from further turmoil or uncertainty.

More than a way out of the current mess, most Americans want a way up to something better. In the midst of a far graver national crisis, Lincoln observed, "The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion." We should remember those words in the days ahead. Better yet, we should be guided by them.



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A War on Women

Jay Leno does not see himself as a political or human rights activist. And his wife, Mavis, generally has, as she describes it, "less than no interest" in drawing public attention to herself.

But they both feel strongly that the world is not paying enough attention to the catastrophe that has fallen upon the women of Afghanistan.

In a telephone conversation last week, Mr. Leno said, "I remember being in the sixth or seventh grade and we were reading about World War II. And I remember kids asking, 'So when they were rounding up the Jewish people and killing them, why didn't people do something?'"

"And I remember thinking, 'I guess people were just different then. It was a different time. That couldn't happen now.'"

What is happening in Afghanistan now is nothing short of a war on women and girls. Most of the country is under the control of the Taliban, an extremist Islamic movement that has thrown a blanket of absolute oppression over the lives of all females.

Women are not allowed to work outside the home. Girls are not allowed to go to school. No female is permitted to leave her home unless she is accompanied by a close male relative — a husband, father, brother or son. Homes and other buildings in which women or girls might be present must have their windows painted so no female can be seen from outside.

Women who leave their homes must be completely covered by a burqa, an all-encompassing garment with a small mesh opening through which the wearer can see and breathe. Women are not allowed to wear shoes that make any noise when they walk. Their footsteps must not be heard. They must come and go in silence.

Violations of any of the Taliban's edicts are treated summarily and brutally. It is like a reprise of some dark, medieval period. Women who ventured from their homes unaccompanied or improperly clad have been whipped, beaten and at times killed. A woman was dragged from a vehicle and viciously beaten because her arm accidentally slipped into view. Another woman was stoned to death when she attempted to leave the country with a man who was not a relative.

Very few medical facilities are available to women, and women are forbidden from being flogged or beaten in the streets they often are reluctant to seek the little help that is

available. Even the most serious illnesses are going untreated.

The prohibition against work has had a profound effect. Women and girls who do not have male relatives to support them have been left destitute. Not surprisingly, human rights groups are finding extraordinary levels of anxiety and depression in the women they see.

Mavis Leno is on the board of the Feminist Majority, an organization that is committed to easing the plight of the women in Afghanistan. She will help lead the group's effort to bring the story more fully to public view.

Afghanistan's brutal oppression.

"Every person I've spoken to about this is outraged," she said. "And so many have had the same reaction: 'Why don't I know about this? How can this be going on and I haven't heard about it?' And that's what I want to remedy."

The Lenos are contributing \$100,000 to assist the Feminist Majority in its efforts to assist the victims of the Taliban. The idea is to focus a brighter spotlight on the tragedy. A press conference will be held next week to formally announce the campaign to bring more and more information about this overwhelming injustice to the public's attention.

Ms. Leno, in an interview, mentioned that her father had once been buried for a time in a mining accident. "He was dug out and he was fine," she said. "But he told me that while he was buried the hardest thing was that he had no way of being sure that anybody was looking for him. They could think that maybe he hadn't gone to work that day, or that he was someplace else, not buried. Or maybe they would think, yes, he was buried, but he was dead. Maybe they wouldn't look for him."

"That's what came to my mind when I heard about the situation with the women in Afghanistan. They don't even know if anybody knows what has happened to them. They don't even know if people are trying to save them. And that seemed so terrible to me that I felt I had to be one of the people that was looking for them."

Libertles
MAUREEN DOWD

Truth & Ketchup

SOME HAVE questioned the wisdom of Kenneth Starr's hanging the fate of the Republic on the neurotic girl talk of two dingbats.

But the massive, 4,600-page, three-volume "Communication" released on Friday by the prosecutor will be an eye-opener for his critics.

Linda Tripp and Monica Lewinsky have been depicted as epic quivering and epic minx. But this Niagara of secretly taped small talk from the Government Printing Office reveals them to be so much more.

Once you get past her Valley Girlisms — "da, da, da," "blah, blah, blah," "ugh," "yech," "like, He-lo?" and "the me issue" — young Monica turns out to be something of a philosopher.

At the Pentagon City Ritz-Carlton, over a hamburger, crispy french fries and coffee with artificial sweetener — "I need both — both the pink and the blue," she informs the waitress — the 24-year-old expounds on the meaning of truth. Like her former boyfriend, Monica is a relativist.

Ms. Tripp: "The truth shall set you free. Yeah."

Ms. Lewinsky: "But think about the truth — O.K.? Think about truth. Truth is synonymous with good. Truth is supposed to be good. ... O.K.? ... This is how I have looked at it, and this is from my Christian Scientist, from talking to this woman, and I have talked to her and I've said, 'Well, what about' — you know, I said, 'If truth is synonymous with good, then truth is good and good is God, O.K.? If all those things are synonymous, then the right thing to do is not hurt someone.' That's true. ... So the truth, well, what is truth? I mean, I'm not trying to have an existential conversation with you."

After a few "Hmpfs," Ms. Tripp muses: "I think everybody has a moral code of some sort."

Ms. Lewinsky: "We do. But to everybody it's different. Do you see what I mean? O.K."

Ms. Tripp catches on: "But what I understand you saying is ... that if an issue of any sort arises that if the ultimate good is — and — and the truth — the truth should match the ultimate good and be both."

Ms. Lewinsky: "Mm-hmmmm."

Ms. Tripp: "I see what you're saying. I do."

Ms. Lewinsky: "You know?"

Monica later takes another Platonic crack at the meaning of truth, telling Linda that "The truth is — the truth is — what it should be," and explaining: "God is synonymous with truth."

with good, truth and kindness and happiness and all sorts of good things."

Ms. Tripp: "This is too big to worry about goodness and kindness."

Both women have a sophisticated grasp of history.

Monica explains that her mother wants her to be about the Presidential affair because she is fearful for her daughter's safety: "She keeps saying 'Mary Jo Chappaquiddick' or whatever her name was."

Linda also reflects on the historical dimension of the drama.

Philosophy at the Ritz-Carlton.

Ms. Tripp: "The President of the United States."

Ms. Lewinsky: "Right."

Ms. Tripp: "Which is huge."

Ms. Lewinsky: "Right."

Ms. Tripp: "Huge."

Ms. Lewinsky: "Mm-hmmmm."

Ms. Tripp: "Don't you think?"

Ms. Lewinsky: "Yeah, I do."

Linda later says of Vernon Jordan: "He's like the biggest. ... He is huge."

The pair are wise in the Byzantine ways of Washington.

Ms. Lewinsky: "There are three kinds of people in this Administration: peons, peons who know stuff, and F.O.B.'s. O.K. Maybe not peons who know stuff. In between. Do you know what I mean? Do you know what I'm saying now?"

Ms. Tripp takes up the question of status and fate: "It's interesting to me as a low-level peon."

Ms. Lewinsky: "If you're a low-level peon, what am I?"

Ms. Tripp: "You're a player in this. I'm a low-level peon."

Ms. Lewinsky: "If I'm a player, you're a player."

Ms. Tripp: "No, I'm no player." Monica is patriotic. "To me," she ruminates about her Oval Office trysts, "a little bit of — it's for the country. Every President we have ever had has always had lovers because the pressure of the job is too much. Too much. ... Too much, to always rely on your wife, with whom you have too much baggage — which you inevitably will if you got to that point. And I think it's bad for the country. ... Could we get some ketchup?"

J. P. Morgan to the Rescue?

By Richard Sylla

In October 1907, New York's Knickerbocker Trust Company failed, setting off a banking panic throughout the United States. Earlier that year stock prices had suffered two severe declines.

At the height of the panic, J.P. Morgan, the leader of American banking, was called from a church conference in Virginia to return to New York to stop the carnage. Morgan summoned other bankers to an all-night meeting in his library, virtually commanding them to pool their money to save tottering financial institutions and prevent a meltdown. It worked. The crisis soon ended and the stock market rallied, although the economy slowed to a crawl.

In the aftermath, Congress established a commission to find out what had gone wrong and to recommend an overhaul of the American financial system. The result in 1913 was the establishment of the Federal Reserve — in effect a replacement for J.P. Morgan, who died the same year.

Richard Sylla is a professor of economics at the State School of Business at York University.

Thus it came to pass 85 years later that Fed officials summoned Wall Street financial leaders to a boardroom of the New York Federal Reserve and called for a pooling of private money to prop up Long-Term Capital and stave off financial meltdown. And last week, the House Banking Committee grilled the Fed chairman, Alan Greenspan, about the central bank's role.

Some experts say the Fed was wrong to arrange the bailout. Reducing the risk of meltdown in the short run, they argue, only increases it in the long run, as other investors learn that they are too big to fail and take on greater risks. Other experts, while praising the Fed for staving off potential panic, say that the only way to prevent future crises is to rein in the hedge funds, heretofore unregulated. Both of these positions miss the mark.

Central banks have acted to head off financial panics in the past, without encouraging investors to take reckless risks. Before the Fed came along, and after its predecessor, the Bank of the United States, was shut down in 1836, there were numerous crises. The most serious ones occurred in 1837, 1857, 1873, 1894 and 1893, as well as in 1907. Central banks as lenders of last resort, and as financial regulators year in and year out, established a good, though hardly perfect, record before

1836 and after 1913.

At the same time, a Band-Aid approach to regulating hedge funds is also flawed and would not have prevented the problems that led to the Long-Term Capital fiasco. That is be-

World leaders should heed the hedge fund alarm.

cause some strategies used by hedge funds are also used by other financial institutions.

For example, experts assume that differences in the yield on various bonds will fluctuate but always return to a "normal" level. Hedge funds and investment banks both take advantage of these price differences to make a profit. Although this theory is generally correct, it doesn't work when lenders and investors lose confidence in the market's stability, as they have this year.

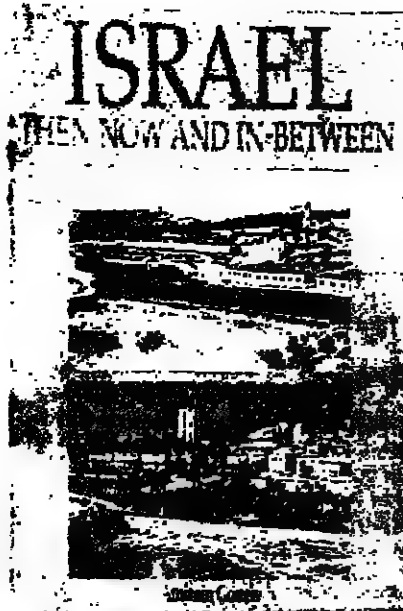
Moreover, the regulation of hedge funds won't do anything to correct the many false assumptions people have

about the financial markets. Investors will often assume that governments will repay loans on schedule. History has disproved this over and over, most recently in the case of Russia.

Conventional wisdom also holds that hedge funds are small fish in the big pond of the markets and therefore have liquidity, the ability to sell an asset for close to what it cost. When an outfit like Long-Term Capital can use \$4 billion to borrow and bet upward of \$100 billion, it is no longer a small fish — it's an important player in the financial system. Yet we can't set rules that forbid a fund to borrow money; placing bets with borrowed money is the nature of the industry.

Regulating the hedge funds won't solve all financial problems, any more than regulating trust companies would have solved anything after 1907. Something more substantial is needed, something to serve as an international regulator and lender of last resort for financial institutions.

Without such a global institution, financial turmoil will continue into the next century and may become sharper and more frequent. Will the world's financial leaders step forward and address these fundamental issues, as they did in the United States after the crisis of 1907? If not, it will be a long road to re-establishing financial stability.



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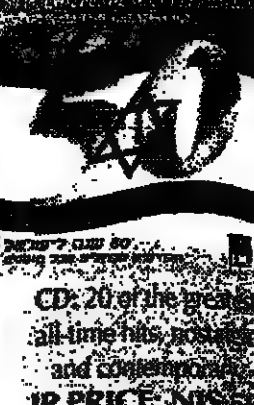
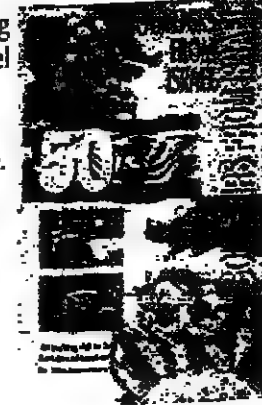
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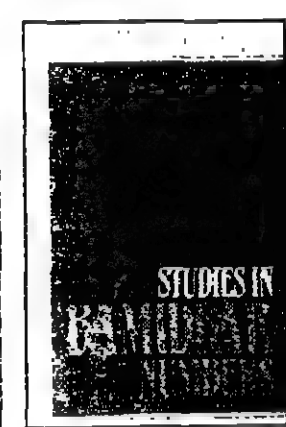
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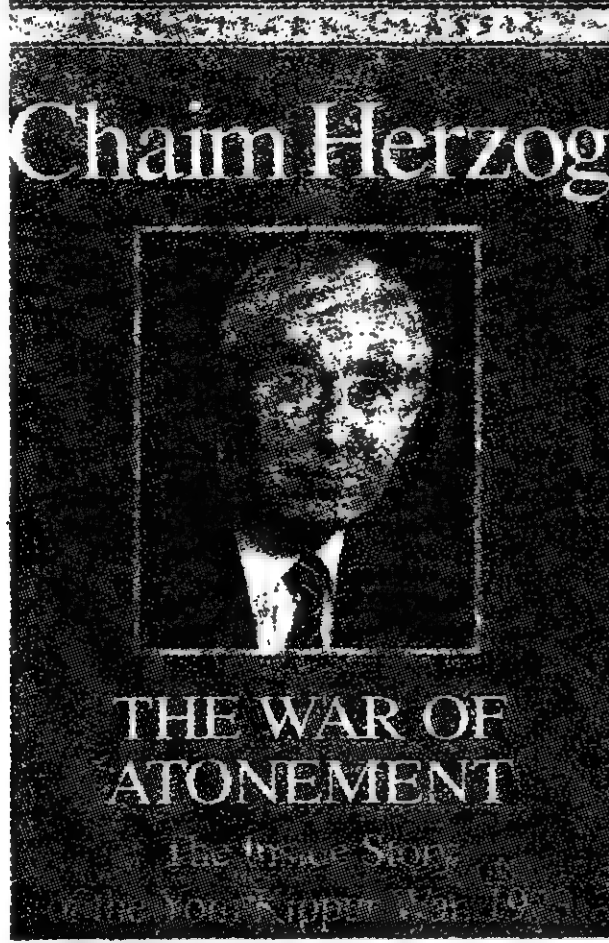
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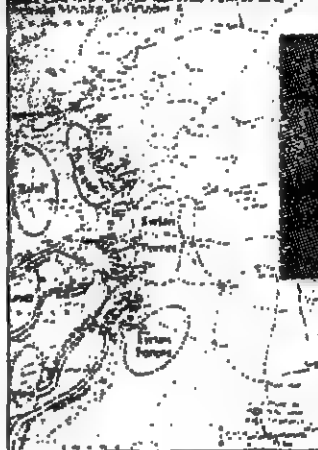
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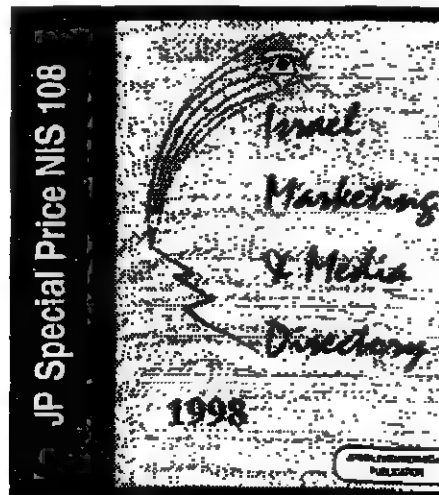
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The professor who walks on eggshells

Medievalist Martin Biddle sidestepped sectarian rivalries at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to produce a survey that will help restore the ancient structure. Allison Kaplan Sommer reports

As he approaches the entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Prof. Martin Biddle immediately spots a small bearded priest standing in the outdoor plaza, and greets him with a friendly smile.

After they exchange pleasantries, he explains that the priest, Metropolitan Daniel, is the head of the Greek Orthodox Confraternity in the Church and "a very important person around here."

As Biddle walks in and around the Christian site, he chats in a familiar fashion with everyone, from priests to security guards. And it quickly becomes clear that his 10 years of work on a comprehensive survey of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre - which he completed late last month, has required the Oxford University professor of medieval archeology to be as much of a diplomat as a scholar.

"It is simply something you have to do when you've got an age-old place with rules involving so many communities that are so serious about their faith and beliefs," he says.

Without cultivating friendly relationships with various religious leaders, it is doubtful whether Biddle and his team could have gained the access needed to successfully complete their survey.

After all, the church - the purported site of both the crucifixion and burial of Jesus - is internationally famous for the rifts between the various sects that claim portions of the church and for centuries have been arguing over its control.

The disagreements over ownership, methods of worship and repairs have at times led to physical violence. Every small fixture in the church has been assigned, divided, and is still often disputed; some have been left in disrepair because communities cannot agree on who should fix them - since repair implies ownership.

That Biddle managed, therefore, to work with the Franciscan, Roman Catholic, Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian and Syrian communities who share the church is as much of an accomplishment as what he actually set out to do; in his words: "make a definitive representation of the tomb as it is now, in preparation for restorations in the future."

BIDDLE prefers to emphasize the positive: He insists that "there is much more agreement than dissent" between the communities when it comes to maintaining the church.

As proof, he points to the cooperation on the recently completed repair and restoration of the church's ceiling and dome, a project he considers "a success story." In fact, many parts of the church have been badly in need of repair for more than a century; fears that parts of the structure could collapse have stepped up calls for a massive restoration project.

Biddle's project was initiated in 1986, when a British scholar involved with the church named Greville Freeman-Greville decided that before such restorations could take place, there would have to be a definitive record of how the structure currently appears.

Freeman-Greville learned that Biddle was experienced in the technique for creating records through photogrammetry - a computer-driven procedure that provides a three-dimensional view of a site.

In the past, Biddle had worked with the City University of London's Department of Engineering, recording historic churches and tombs in Great Britain, and he had developed a reputation for his ability to examine early religious sites.

Biddle, who had spent time in Jerusalem over the course of his archeological career, responded enthusiastically to the suggestion. But moving such an enterprise forward would take time and money.

Biddle, together with his wife, put together a team of volunteer archeologists, and found sources of funding for the project - an expensive one, since it meant flying participants and necessary equipment from Britain to Israel on several occasions.

In the end, he found backers, among them London's Gresham College and the British Council.

HIS first visit to Jerusalem for the project was a one-day drop-in in 1988, when he first approached the leaders of the various sects in the church regarding his intentions. "I didn't know anyone at first," he says, "but was able to build

friendly relationships quickly. What was very important was that we made it clear that we remained neutral, and favored no community above another."

After gaining everyone's agreement to begin, Biddle brought his team for intensive work at the church for periods of 10 days to two weeks in 1989, 1990 and 1992. He then returned alone with his wife in 1993 to conduct supplementary research in historic archives. His final 12 days of work at the church were completed just after Rosh Hashana of this year.

Over the years, he says, it has not always been easy to work at such a busy spot in such a compact time frame. On occasion, the Moslem Nusseibeh family, which holds the key to the church, literally locked them inside the church overnight.

That is when they got some of their best work done, Biddle says.

"There are so many tourists and pilgrims in and around the tomb during the day, and we cannot work inside the tomb when they are here. We have to respect the fact that these people will only have one visit to this place in their lives and we don't want to interfere with that."

Biddle has already written a book based on his findings, published in German, called *The Tomb of Christ*. It will be published in English next year.

Now that the survey is complete, Biddle explains, enough information is available to assist with upcoming restoration of the next two parts of the church that need repair.

FIRST to be uncovered and restored, he expects, will be the floor of the church. Biddle, along with the rest of the archeological community, is understandably fascinated with what will be found when digging takes place underneath the floor.

There are records from previous centuries of those who have peeked under the rocks on various occasions. Biddle spent time in the Antiquities Authority and in the National Archive investigating such accounts, and, from his findings, believes that those who dig will find quarrying dating back to the First Temple period.

Ideally, he believes, signs of a small cemetery of Jewish tombs will be found, demonstrating that Jesus' tomb was not just an isolated grave. Perhaps there will even be signs to indicate why the site was identified as Jesus' burial place when construction of the church was begun by Constantine in 326 CE.

The final and most sensitive step in a future restoration would be the "edicule" - the structure built around the tomb itself.

The actual tomb is dug into a slab of rock and four structures



(Above) Prof. Biddle explains a point to Metropolitan Daniel: He has to be diplomat as much as scholar in an age-old church (below) with intricate rules involving several quarrelling communities.

were constructed around it, says Biddle.

The first to build a structure to protect the tomb from raiders and overenthusiastic pilgrims was Constantine himself. That structure lasted until it was destroyed in the Egyptian invasion in 1009. It was soon rebuilt, and another edicule stood from 1555, which eventually became so dilapidated that the Franciscans had it rebuilt.

That building lasted for 250 years, when the Greek Orthodox put a new one up in 1890; this is still in place, albeit precariously.

Biddle expects that in the course of restoration of the edicule remains of all of the structures around the tomb will be found.

"These earlier edicules, of course, have never been seen by anyone alive," he says. "But it is all recorded in the historical archive - how the tomb has been beautified and protected over the centuries."

And underneath, there may even be signs of the original rock-cut tomb.

"I have no doubts at all that parts of it are standing," Biddle says.

BUT once such a sensitive and holy place is uncovered, then what?

"In the course of a restoration, first a team would have to uncover the area, see what is found and then see what the communities of the church decide what to do about it. Conceivably, if much is found,



a glass plate could be part of the restoration so more of the original tomb could be seen," Biddle surmises.

At this stage, Biddle does not believe he has found grounds to question - as some have - the authenticity of the site as the location of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus.

"I have no problems with the authenticity of the site - there is a very respected historical tradition regarding this place, unlike other sites, like, for example, the tomb of Peter," he maintains.

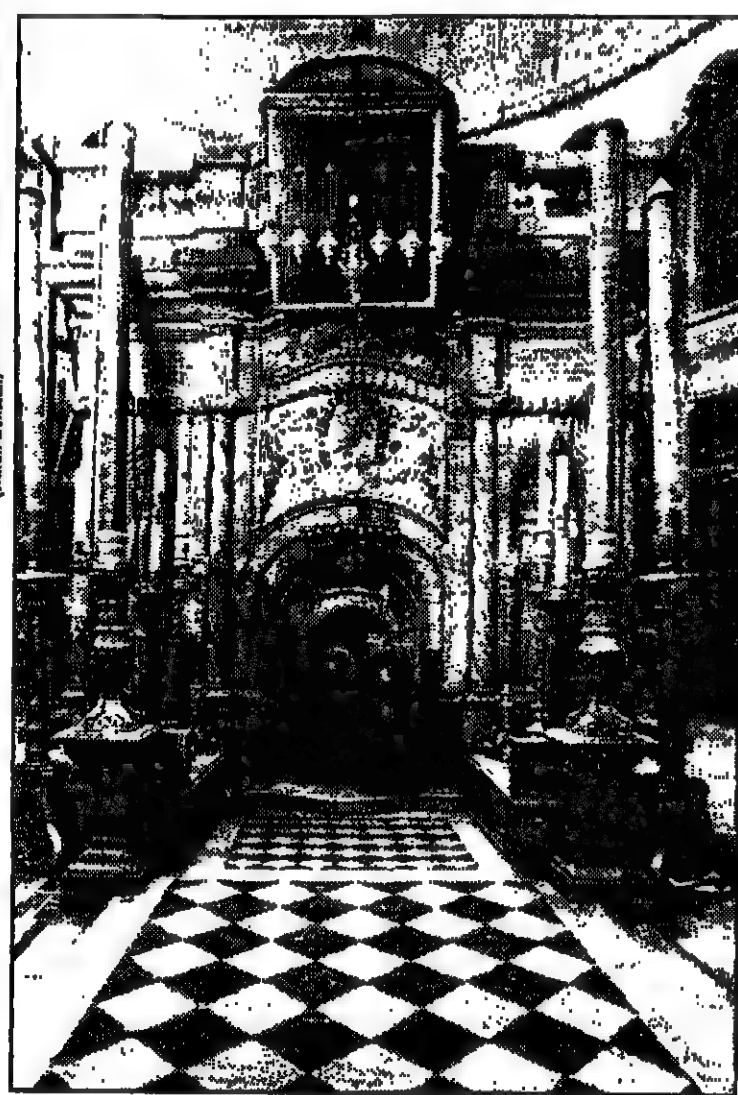
While he says he has the utmost respect for the religious leaders who maintain the site and the worshipful pilgrims who come there to light candles and pray, Biddle plays down his own religious attachment to the place.

His own religious feelings are "not atheistic, but more religious than the next man."

Besides, he says any such feelings must be put aside when working as an archeologist and a scholar.

"It is important as an ancient historian to be detached about these things and rely on the evidence you have. Again, the reason we have been able to work so well here is that we are independent, not allied to any one side, and without any axes to grind - religious or otherwise."

At the same time, Biddle hastens to add - diplomatically - that the unique opportunity he has had to delve into such a sacred and mysterious place has been "a great experience and an honor, one I will never forget."



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A six or home run? US cricketers try their luck

KINGSTON, Jamaica (Reuters) - Silly mid-on, Leg Before Wicket and cries of "Howzat?" may be alien concepts to American sports fans who have never thrilled to the crack of leather on willow.

But a US cricket team will try its luck against the legendary batsmen and bowlers of the West Indies in one-day Caribbean tournament in Jamaica today.

That does not mean that cricket gospel is spreading fast in the land of baseball. The US team is made up entirely of West Indians and nationals of other British Commonwealth countries now living in the US.

The disparate group got its break in the Red Stripe Bowl competition as a result of an International Cricket Council (ICC) initiative.

The West Indies has been assigned responsibility for fostering the game in the US, Canada and Bermuda.

The three have been awarded two places in the annual one-day competition, with Bermuda being a permanent fixture and the other two alternating each year.

US captain Richard Staple is aware of the responsibility resting on his shoulders. "I look at it as a challenge," said Staple, an elegant middle-order batsman who played for Jamaica from 1991 to 1995 before migrating to New York.

The cosmopolitan look of the team is strengthened by California-based Joy Zinto, an Indian national who played first-class cricket alongside such greats as Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri and Sachin Tendulkar.

His teammate Nizan Hafez, formerly of Guyana, said he had no problem transferring his loyalty to his adopted country in a competition against West Indian opposition.

"It is just a matter of applying yourself and

hope that everything goes well for you," he said.

In Sunday's practice match against Jamaica's champion team, Melbourne, Staple and Hafez, with innings of 73 and 45 respectively, helped their team to a good score of 243 and a 67-run victory over the hosts.

In today's opening match they go up against the Leeward Islands with their inspirational West Indies fast bowler Curtley Ambrose. Games against Jamaica and Barbados follow.

Promoting the game in the US is a difficulty recognized by team manager Selwin Caesar, who represented Trinidad and Tobago in the 1960s.

"We have started a youth program in New York and there's one in California," being run by Malcolm Nash, an ex-county player," he said.

"Sport in the US is a more individualized and people like fast-paced games, so cricket is going to be hard to sell, but we are working at it." One approach is to have cricket incorporated into the

curriculum of schools in districts where minorities with an interest in the game live, he said.

Two Jamaican-born politicians, New York City Councilwoman Una Clarke and Nick Perry of the New York State Assembly, are lending support to developing the sport in that state.

Christine Cummings, political scientist at the University of the West Indies, told Reuters the United States' finest hour in cricket came in 1888, when they trounced a West Indies team in British Guiana.

"That team was truly representative of the US, with American-born players from Philadelphia, New York, Boston and the South," Cummings said.

That victory was followed shortly after in 1890 with another noteworthy win over Australia. But according to Cummings, following that affront to Australian pride, the Aussies, along with England and South Africa, began promoting the

idea that cricket "should remain an Imperial game." Thereafter American cricket fell into decline while the West Indies gained Test status and went on to become the undisputed champions of the game during the 1980s.

Cummings views the newcomers' entry with scepticism.

"Many of our players will see opportunities for contracts in the US, they will go there and we will lose them," she said.

But other Jamaicans doubt the Americans will ever cotton on to the game.

"I can just see the look on a Yankee's face when you describe for him a field setting with three slips and a gully, silly mid-on and backward square leg," laughed one spectator at Melbourne on Sunday as a shot soared overhead for six runs. "They'll probably call that a home run," chimed in another man as he gulped down a bottle of beer.

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Bills upset unbeaten 49ers, 26-21

NEW YORK (AP) — The Buffalo Bills, Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts were a combined 0-11 in the first four weeks of the season. Then they all won on the

same day.

The Bills shocked the San Francisco 49ers 26-21, the Bears rallied to beat the Detroit Lions 31-27, and the Colts downed the San Diego Chargers 17-12 on Sunday.

Rob Johnson threw for 254 yards and a touchdown, and Buffalo shut out San Francisco's high-powered offense for three quarters before surviving a late rally.

Erik Kramer passed for two touchdowns and ran for one, and the Bears held Barry Sanders to 28 yards rushing to get their first win since last Dec. 14.

The Chargers-Colts game was billed as a showdown between Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf, but neither rookie quarterback was impressive.

Manning and Leaf each completed 12 of 23 passes with one interception. Leaf passed for 160 yards, and Manning threw for 137.

In other NFL games, it was Atlanta 51, Carolina 23; Dallas 31, Washington 10; New York Jets 20, Miami 9; New England 30, New Orleans 27; Tampa Bay 20, New York Giants 3; Oakland 23, Arizona 20; Denver 41, Philadelphia 16; and Kansas City 17, Seattle 6.

Tonight, Minnesota is at Green Bay.

At Orchard Park, N.Y., the Bills built a 23-0 lead in the third quarter before the 49ers staged a comeback and pulled within 26-21 on Steve Young's 21-yard TD pass to J.J. Stokes with 1:03 left.

San Francisco recovered an onside kick, but the play was wiped out by an offside penalty against the 49ers, their NFL-record 22nd penalty of the game.

Buffalo recovered the second onside attempt to clinch the victory. At Chicago, Kramer completed 26 of 37 passes for 275 yards and Chris Penn had six catches for a career-high 106 yards for the Bears.

Rookie Charlie Bach was 16 of 31 for 268 yards and two scores for the Lions. Detroit's Johnnie Morton caught two passes for 138 yards, including a 98-yarder for a TD.

At Kansas City, Mo., Rich Gannon, atoning for three lost fumbles, scored on a 4-yard run and connected with Andre Rison on an 80-yard touchdown as Kansas City beat



Tampa Bay defender John Lynch (47) brings down New York Giants running back Gary Brown. Tampa Bay won 20-3. (Reuters)

Seattle following a first-half down-pour and a 54-minute delay.

As torrential rains pelted the field and lightning flashed across the nighttime sky, NFL officials halted play with 7:10 left in the second quarter and the score knotted 3-all.

Only a light rain fell most of the second half, but the muddy conditions contributed to more sloppy play, including two lost fumbles by Seattle running back Ricky Waters and five for the Chiefs, one short of the 29-year-old team record.

At Atlanta, Tim Dwight returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown and the Atlanta Falcons scored their most points in 25 years by routing winless Carolina.

Atlanta scored three touchdowns

in a 48-second span of the third quarter. Carolina fumbled on its first three possessions of the second half and finished with six turnovers.

At Indianapolis, Elijah Alexander and Ken Dilger helped the Colts beat the Chargers.

Alexander intercepted a pass by Leaf to set up one touchdown and recovered a fumble to set up another. Dilger ran in a 2-point conversion on a well-executed fake and recovered an onside kick after San Diego had pulled within two points with 1:48 left.

At East Rutherford, N.J., Curtis Martin rushed for 108 yards and a touchdown as New York snapped a four-game losing streak to Miami.

Dan Marino had a poor day for the

Dolphins, going 13-for-31 for 121 yards, getting sacked three times and throwing two interceptions. Miami's running attack also sputtered, gaining just 34 yards.

At Landover, Md., Jason Garrett, Emmitt Smith and Chris Warren had big games as Dallas routed winless Washington.

Garrett completed 14 of 17 passes for 169 yards and a touchdown. Smith ran for 120 yards and a touchdown, and Warren rushed for 104 yards and two TDs against the Redskins, off to their worst start since 1981.

At New Orleans, Adam Vinatieri kicked a 27-yard field goal with six seconds left as New England handed New Orleans its first loss of the season.

After New Orleans tied it on Doug Brien's 37-yard field goal with 1:32 remaining, Drew Bledsoe completed four passes to set up the game-winning field goal for the Patriots.

At Denver, backup quarterback Bobby Brister threw four TD passes and Terrell Davis ran for 168 yards and two scores.

The Broncos built a 35-2 halftime lead and 41-2 advantage after three quarters before Charlie Garner ran for a pair of 3-yard scores in the final period for the Eagles. Brister filled in for John Elway, who rested his ailing right hamstring and lower back.

At Tampa, Fla., Charles Minny returned an interception 22 yards for a touchdown on the third play of the game as the Buccaneers bounced back from an embarrassing Monday night loss.

Regan Upshaw and Ronde Barber also picked off passes for Tampa Bay, coming off a 21-point loss to Detroit. The Bucs held New York to 135 yards in total offense.

At Tempe, Ariz., Donald Hollas replaced an injured Jeff George with 50 seconds left in the first quarter and guided Oakland to the victory.

Hollas was 12 of 22 for 104 yards and scored on a 1-yard run for the Raiders, who were trailing 7-3 when George pulled a groin muscle and left the game.

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Padres frustrate Astros, clinch NL championship berth v. Braves

Yankees meet Indians in AL championship series

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres are going back to the NL championship series after a 14-year absence, thanks in large part to new hero Jim Leyritz.

And the Big Unit is not going to make it to the World Series as many thought, because the Padres beat Randy Johnson and the Houston Astros 6-1 Sunday night to clinch the tense division series three games to one.

With the crowd of 64,898 hanging on every pitch, Leyritz hit his

third homer in as many games and 27-year-old Sterling Hitchcock was dominating in his first playoff start, using a devastating split-fingered fastball to strike out 11 in six innings.

Johnson lost his fifth straight decision in the postseason, tying a major league record. He left for a pinch-hitter in the seventh, and reliever Jay Powell gave up pinch-hitter John Vander Wal's two-run triple and Wally Joyner's two-run homer in the eighth.

Trevor Hoffman closed out the

ninth for the Padres, who move on to face the Atlanta Braves in the NL championship series starting tomorrow night at Turner Field. Atlanta won five of nine from the Padres this year.

This is the first time the Padres have been this far since 1984, when they beat the Chicago Cubs in the NLCS only to lose the World Series 4-1 to Detroit.

The Astros, who led the NL in scoring this season but managed just eight runs in this series, go home frustrated for a second

straight year, having been swept by Atlanta in the first round in 1997. Houston has been in five postseason series, and lost all of them.

The New York Yankees take on the Cleveland Indians in the first game of the AL championship playoff series tonight.

The Indians completed a 3-1 series victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday when they won 2-1 in game 4.

The Yankees swept the Texas Rangers 3-0 on Friday.

Where to eat in Israel

JERUSALEM

ANGELO RISTORANTE ITALIANO — Frommer's 1998 Guide says, "The most superb pasta in the country." Also fresh fish & Roman specialties. Kosher Dairy. Closed 20/9-5/10. Open Hol HaMoed with 2 Sukkot. 9 Harkanos. For reservations, Tel: 02-623 8095.

COFFEE MILL — Coffee Beanery and Loose Teas, Espresso Bar, Jim. Rabbinate Kashrut. Light dairy menu: coffee & tea accessories. 23 Emek Refaim. Tel: 02-566 1665. Carion Talpott Tel: 672-5491.

DARNA — Authentic Moroccan Restaurant, KOSHER. Our home is your home. Business lunch; salads, couscous, dessert, traditional mint tea. Only NIS 69 with this ad. Open 12:00-3:00 p.m., 6:30-11:30 p.m. 3 Harkanos St. Tel: 02-624 5406.

DEVORAH SCHECTER CATERING — Kosher L'mehadrin, Jerusalem Rabbinate. Catering for all occasions, Shabbat and Hagim. Meat, dairy and pare menus. Great desserts. Tel: 02-678 4872. Fax: 02-679 5370.

HECHAL SHILOMO — RESTAURANT/CATERERS serving you the best, freshest, most delicious food in an exclusive environment. Functions for up to 150. Brit Milahs, Bar Mitzvahs, 7 Brachos, 58 King George St., Glati Kosher/meat. Tel: 02-622 3312.

MARVAD HAKSAMIN ORIENTAL RESTAURANT — Mid-Eastern and Yemenite food; Kosher/meat Open for lunch & dinner till 11:00 p.m.; Sun-Thurs., Fri. till 3:00 p.m. 16 King George St., (next to Carvel). Tel: 02-625 4470.

NORMAN'S STEAK 'N' BURGER — Freshest burgers, steaks, ribs, chicken, fish, salads and more, grilled to perfection. American style food and service. Kosher Jerusalem Rabbinate. 27 Emek Refaim, German Colony. Tel: 02-566 6603.

THE PIE SHOP — TEA & PIE, DON'T PASS ME by, kosher, sweet & savory pies, dairy menu; soups, salads, loaves, specialty drinks. Open 11:00 a.m.-12 midnight. 9 Yot Solomon (back yard). Tel: 02-624 8712.

RESTAURANT MISHKENOT SHAANANIM — Superb French cuisine for lunch & dinner, 7 days a week. Outstanding wine cellar, elegant setting - spectacular view - private room. Located in Yemin Moshe (below the Guest House). Tel: 02-625 1042.

RIENZI — Candle light dining in an elegant decor. Fresh fish and home-made pasta. Kosher L'mehadrin - Dairy. Business lunch from NIS 39. Open Hol HaMoed Sukkot. 10 King David St. (Opp New Hilton Hotel). Open Sat. Nites. Tel: 02-622 2312.

A Jerusalem landmark — RIMON RESTAURANT Grilled Meats and Middle Eastern cuisine. CAFE RIMON Dairy and Fish. Superb pasary indoor-outdoor seating. Glati Kosher L'mehadrin - 4 Luntz St. (off Mitrachov) Tel: 02-624 3712.

SAVION — Enjoy al fresco or spacious air-conditioned dining. Serving a delicious Fish & Dairy menu — Kosher Rabbinate. Celebrate birthdays with us! Open 7:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m. daily & motza'ei Shabbat. Ben Maimon 1, corner Azza. Tel: 02-567 0708.

SIGMUND CORNER BISTRO/CAFE — Art Deco Decor — Serving crepes, sandwiches, ice cream, shakes & brewed coffees. Reasonable prices. Sun-Thurs. 8 a.m.-1 a.m., Fri. 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Kosher. Corner Azza/He'lan St. Tel: 02-563 9219.

THE WILD BULL SHOR BAR STEAK HOUSE — Finest quality meats and generous portions. "Probably the best steaks and hamburgers in town". SPECIAL DEAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS. For reservations call 02-624 4395. 3 Ya'abetz St., Jerusalem (behind the Beit Center).

THE 7TH PLACE — Popular Jerusalem dining spot, authentic Southern Indian and dairy cuisine. Spacious, bright and friendly. Live show every night. Kosher. 37 Harel St. (Beit Agon - the journalists center). Tel: 02-625 4485.

TROCADERO — New Italian Restaurant and Coffee Shop in the elegant Judeka Center at Gush Etzion Junction. Magnificent views. Private Party facilities. Free glass of wine with ad. Open 9 a.m.-midnight & Sat. night. Kosher dairy. Tel: 02-593 2777.

TZADDIK'S — Jerusalem's Real Authentic New York Deli. Corned beef, roast beef, brisket, salami, all beef hot dogs, H&H bagels, draft beer. Kosher L'mehadrin. 2 Tiferet Yisrael St., The Jewish Quarter. 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Tel: 02-627 2148.

ROSH PINA

MISEDET HAKFAR — Unique Argentinian Restaurant — Serves all year round quality meat meals on ORIGINAL PARRILLA. Country atmosphere. Rosh Pina. Tel: 06-693 8026 for reservations. (<http://www.zimmer.co.il/asador>)

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Katzen 32/12
Tiberias 38/17
Haifa 28/20
Netanya 28/19
Tel Aviv 30/18
Ariel 34/15
Jerusalem 29/17
Dead Sea 37/19
Beersheba 31/15
Eilat 38/24

Israel: Sunny today and tomorrow with little temperature changes. Highs 28-30. Clear tonight. Lows 12-24.

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Ariel	34/33	15/5/9	34/33	15/5/9	34/33	15/5/9	34/33	15/5/9
Beersheba	31/28	15/5/9	31/28	15/5/9	31/28	15/5/9	31/28	15/5/9
Dead Sea	37/36	19/6/6	37/36	19/6/6	37/36	19/6/6	37/36	19/6/6
East	38/10	24/7/9	38/10	24/7/9	38/10	24/7/9	38/10	24/7/9
Haifa	28/22	20/6/6	28/22	20/6/6	28/22	20/6/6	28/22	20/6/6
Jerusalem	29/24	17/6/2	29/24	17/6/2	29/24	17/6/2	29/24	17/6/2
Katzen	33/31	12/5/3	33/31	12/5/3	33/31	12/5/3	33/31	12/5/3
Netanya	29/24	19/6/6	29/24	19/6/6	29/24	19/6/6	29/24	19/6/6
Tel Aviv	30/26	18/5/4	30/26	18/5/4	30/26	18/5/4	30/26	18/5/4
Tiberias	39/27	17/6/2	39/27	17/6/2	39/27	17/6/2	39/27	17/6/2

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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Amsterdam	11/62	9/48	11/62	9/48	11/62	9/48	11/62	9/48
Beijing	29/79	15/59	29/79	15/59	29/79	15/59	29/79	15/59
Berlin	13/55	11/32	13/55	11/32	13/55	11/32	13/55	11/32
Buenos Aires	11/52	9/48	11/52	9/48	11/52	9/48	11/52	9/48
Calcutta	31/88	21/7/5	31/88	21/7/5	31/88	21/7/5	31/88	21/7/5
Chicago	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7
Frankfurt	15/52	11/32	15/52	11/32	15/52	11/32	15/52	11/32
Hong Kong	28/24	25/7/9	28/24	25/7/9	28/24	25/7/9	28/24	25/7/9
Jerusalem	29/24	17/6/2	29/24	17/6/2	29/24	17/6/2	29/24	17/6/2
London	12/53	10/31	12/53	10/31	12/53	10/31	12/53	10/31
Los Angeles	23/84	14/5/1	23/84	14/5/1	23/84	14/5/1	23/84	14/5/1
Madrid	17/62	6/43	17/62	6/43	17/62	6/43	17/62	6/43
Mexico City	28/78	13/5/0	28/78	13/5/0	28/78	13/5/0	28/78	13/5/0
Montreal	13/55	4/38	13/55	4/38	13/55	4/38	13/55	4/38
Moscow	2/35	6/22	2/35	6/22	2/35	6/22	2/35	6/22
New York	18/64	11/2/2	18/64	11/2/2	18/64	11/2/2	18/64	11/2/2
Paris	12/53	9/43	12/53	9/43	12/53	9/43	12/53	9/43
Prague	14/57	13/51	14/57	13/51	14/57	13/51	14/57	13/51
Rio de Janeiro	31/88	21/7/5	31/88	21/7/5	31/88	21/7/5	31/88	21/7/5
Rome	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7
Sydney	28/79	13/5/0	28/79	13/5/0	28/79	13/5/0	28/79	13/5/0
Tokyo	22/71	20/6/6	22/71	20/6/6	22/71	20/6/6	22/71	20/6/6
Toronto	19/68	9/48	19/68	9/48	19/68	9/48	19/68	9/48
Vienna	11/62	4/38	11/62	4/38	11/62	4/38	11/62	4/38
Washington	21/70	11/5/2	21/70	11/5/2	21/70	11/5/2	21/70	11/5/2
Zurich	13/55	8/46	13/55	8/46	13/55	8/46	13/55	8/46

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY

City	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Atlanta	24/18	12/5/3	24/18	12/5/3	24/18	12/5/3	24/18	12/5/3
Baltimore	18/14	10/31	18/14	10/31	18/14	10/31	18/14	10/31
Boston	15/10	8/22	15/10	8/22	15/10	8/22	15/10	8/22
Calgary	18/14	10/31	18/14	10/31	18/14	10/31	18/14	10/31
Chicago	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7	23/73	14/5/7
Denver	17/62	6/43	17/62	6/43	17/62	6/43	17/62	